

Story

Baby Bird finds his mother

Once upon a time there was a Mother Bird and she built a beautiful nest in a big tree. She laid an egg in her nest and sat on it to keep it warm. Mother Bird sat in her nest, on her egg for a long time. But she got very hungry. She wanted to go out and find a fat juicy worm to eat. So what do you think she did? Yes, Mother Bird flew away to find worms.

Do you know what happened while she was away? Baby Bird was in the little egg but he wanted to come out. He tapped the inside of the egg with his beak. Then he tapped again and made a little hole. He pushed his beak through the hole and the egg broke, and out came Baby Bird!

He was so pleased he shook his little wings. Baby Bird looked around for his mother and said, "Where is my mother?" Baby Bird looked up and down and all around, but he could not see her.

"I will go and find my mother," said Baby Bird. Do you know what he did? He stepped right out of the nest and, of course, he couldn't fly yet because he was still too small. He fell and fell and fell with a bump! on the ground. He was a strong and brave little bird, so he stood up and shook himself, and went off to find his mother.

The first animal he saw was a cow. "Cow, are you my mother?" he asked the cow. "Moooo," said Cow. "I'm not your mother, but I will give you some milk". "No thank you," said Baby Bird, "I must find

You will probably find that the children identify very closely with Baby Bird and enjoy acting out his role in the story. You can say, "*Can you shake your hands like Baby Bird's wings?*" and "*Look up and down and all around like Baby Bird*" and "*Show me how you look when you feel sad like Baby Bird.*"



my mother". He walked on, saying, "Where is my mother? I must find my mother."

Soon he met a goat. "Goat, are you my mother?" he asked the goat. "Baaa baaa" said Goat and shook his hairy head. "Come and eat sweet grass with me." "No thank you," said Baby Bird, "I must find my mother." Baby Bird walked on saying, "Where is my mother? I must find my mother."

The next animal he met was a pig. "Pig, are you my mother?" asked Baby Bird hopefully. "I am not your mother but you can come and roll in the mud with me, snort-snort." said Pig. "No thank you!" said Baby Bird, "I must find my mother."

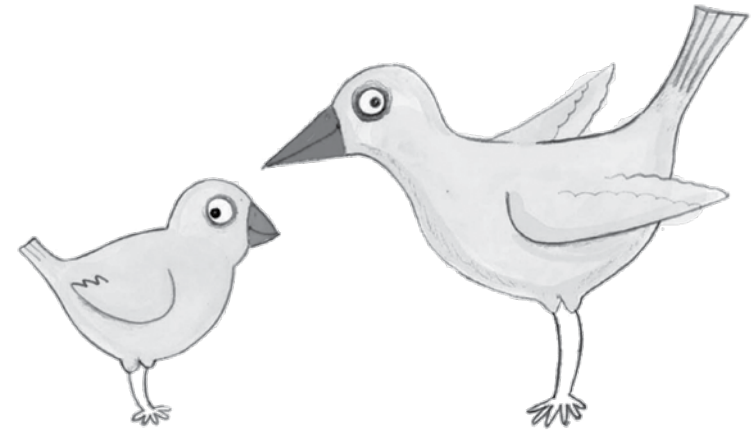
Baby Bird was feeling sad. He thought to himself, am I ever going to find my mother? Just then Grandmother was walking down the path

with her basket. She heard a little voice saying, "Tweet-tweet." She didn't know that Baby Bird was saying, "Where is my mother?"

What do you think Grandmother did? Listen and I will tell you. She picked up Baby Bird and put him in her basket. "You look lost," said Grandmother. "I know where your mother is." She walked down the path towards the trees. Grandmother found the nest and very carefully put Baby Bird back into the nest. Then she sat down on a rock and watched. Do you know what happened?

Very soon Mother Bird flew back to the nest with a long worm in her mouth. Baby Bird called excitedly, "Are you my mother? I know you are my mother!" She said, "Yes, I am your mother." He opened his little beak, and ate up the worm. Mother Bird settled back with her baby in the nest. Baby Bird was very happy to be back with his mother.

And that is the end of the story.



In this story there are a couple of natural opportunities for you to encourage the children to predict what will happen next in the story. This is one good way to get children to think about story flow and the sequence of events.

