



How Do Parents Care for Their Young, Eagle Edition

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Introduction

Animals protect and care for their young in many unique and special ways. In this lesson, students will observe how bald eagles take care of their offsprings. They will identify several ways the national bird cares for their chicks and draw a picture representing one of those ways.

Learning Objectives

[1-LS1-2](#). Read texts and use media to determine patterns in behavior of parents and offspring that help offspring survive.

Materials Needed

- Smartboard or device for projecting a video clip
- Paper, pencils, and crayons

Procedure

1. Ask students how their parents or family members take care of them (examples may include making them dinner, helping with homework, teaching them to ride a bike). Explain to students that animals care for their babies in similar ways that their family cares for them. “As you watch this short video clip, watch for ways the mom and dad eagle are caring for their young.”
 - [Iowa Eagle Cam](#)
2. After watching the video, make a list on the board of the ways the students saw the eagles taking care of their babies. The list may include: adding to their nest, feeding the chicks, sheltering the chicks from the wind, and the mom and dad taking turns helping out.
3. Tell the students they need to select one way the mommy and/or daddy cares for their chicks and draw a picture of it. They should label the picture for clarity, as well as write a short sentence or two describing what they drew.

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Evaluation

Use this checklist to make sure the students completed the following:

- Drew a sketch
- Labeled the sketch
- Wrote a sentence describing the way the eagles cared for their young:
- Were attentive to the lesson and completed their work: