

Joyful Heart Learning in May
2 Year Olds

Month	Theme	Weeks & Days	Theme Time	Math and Art Time	Listening Time	Other
<p>May</p> <p>Bible Concept: God is loving and patient.</p> <p>Playdough: Lavender Flower</p> <p>Sensory Tub: Seeds of various kinds, flower pots, fake flowers, trowel, small rake, small shovel, watering can, etc.</p>	<p>Theme: Babies (Human and Animal)</p> <p>Bible Memory: Daniel 9:9 The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving even though we have rebelled against him.</p>	W1, D1	<p>Theme Story: <u>The World Is Full of Babies!</u> by Mick Manning</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Bring in items typically associated with taking care of a baby. Place them in a box and have the child reach in and feel the item. Can they guess what the item is? Talk about each item and relate it to how it is used. Stress the needs of babies.</p>	<p>Math: -Read and sing <u>Over in the Meadow</u> by Ezra Jack Keats. -Roll a die. Count the dots. Then count out and move that number of baby animals to go with each corresponding mommy/daddy animal.</p> <p>Art: Fingerpaint with scented lotion</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'We All Once Were Babies'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the Pet Store or a petting zoo • Watch a video about Animal Babies • Stress the needs of human babies and how they compare to animal babies (food – what do they eat?, shelter and warmth – where do they live and sleep?, protection, instruction)
		W1, D2	<p>Theme Story: <u>Now I'm Big</u> by Margaret Miller</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Look through pictures of the child when he/she was a baby. Talk about how much they have changed, especially things mommy and daddy used to do, but now they can do by himself!</p>	<p>Math: Sequence pictures (<i>Show example of baby, child, adult first</i>)</p> <p>Art: Look in a mirror, use crayons, and draw a self portrait!</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'I Am So Very Tall'</p>	
		W2, D1	<p>Theme Story: <u>Is Your Mama A Llama?</u> by Deborah Guarino</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Match mother and baby animals – Sing Old MacDonald for each match (<i>animal sounds and picture match</i>)</p>	<p>Math: Make AB patterns with animal cut outs</p> <p>Art: Sponge paint with animal shaped sponges</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'This is the Way the Animals Move'</p>	
		W2, D2	<p>Theme Story: <u>Maybe, My Baby</u> by Marilyn Janovitz or <u>Barnyard Lullaby</u> by Frank Asch</p> <p>Theme Related Activity: Match baby animals to where they typically sleep</p>	<p>Math: Practice 1 to 1 correspondence by placing one stuffed animal in each bed (sheet of paper, show box, etc) and then placing one blanket (felt square) on top of each animal</p> <p>Art: Paint using clothespins and cotton balls</p>	<p>Songs/Movement: 'Hush Little Baby'</p>	
<p>Additional Theme Related Stories: <u>Tiger Forgives</u> by Mary Manz Simon, <u>Duckling is Patient</u> by Mary Manz Simon, <u>If My Mom Were a Platypus: Animal Babies and Their Mothers</u> by Dia L. Michels, <u>Papa Papa</u> by Jean Marzollo, <u>Mama Mama</u> by Jean Marzollo, <u>Whose Baby Am I?</u> by John Butler, <u>We Like to Nurse</u> by Chia Martin, <u>Hanging On: How Animals Carry Their Young</u> by Russell Freedman., <u>All Kinds of Babies</u> by Millicent Selsam, <u>Animal Babies</u> by Dandi Mackall, <u>God Made Baby Animals</u> by Fiametta Dogi, <u>Baby Animals: A Book About God's Creatures</u>, <u>Does a Kangaroo Have a Mother Too?</u> By Eric Carle, <u>What Shall We Do With the Boo Hoo Baby?</u> by, <u>If You Were My Bunny</u> by K. McMullen, <u>I Love You Little One</u> by Tafuri, <u>Animal Babies</u> by Valerie Tracqui</p>						