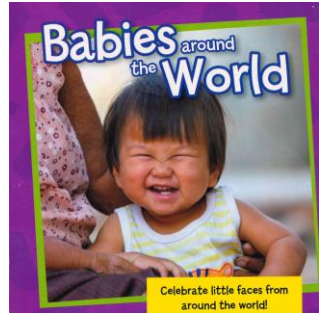




BOOK: Babies around the World

Before Reading:

1. Read the book to yourself before reading to your child.
2. Choose a place to invite your child to read that is well lit and cozy.
3. Tell your child that you are going to show them some babies from all over the world!



During Reading:

1. Children love babies! Stop on each page to talk about how each baby looks and what they are doing.
2. Use your fingers to illustrate direction words as you read them. For example, point up for north, down for south, left for west, and right for east.
3. For older toddlers, read the names of the countries noted on the photographs of the children and talk about how these places are far away!

After Reading:

Social Studies: Children can benefit from early exposure to maps or globes. Using whichever of these tools you have, take small stickers and place them on the different countries that the babies in the book are from. When rereading the book, refer to the map or globe and show your child where they live and then where the baby in the picture lives. You can also reference north, south, east, and west as you refer to the map or globe.

Art: Create a photo collage of babies from old magazines or catalogs. Call attention to the diversity of the babies referring to skin color, hair color, and what they might be eating or doing. When you reread the book, bring out the collage to look at other babies your child helped to find.

Music: What better time to sing the classic lullabies “Rock-A-Bye Baby” and “Hush Little Baby” than after reading a book about babies! You can sing them to your baby or help your child sing them to their baby dolls! Speaking of baby dolls, if you find that your child’s selection lacks diversity, use the photographs in this book to help you and your child pick out a new doll like one in the story!