



Are You My Mother?

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Are You My Mother?



A one-act musical based on the book by P.D. Eastman

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ARE YOU MY MOTHER?

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What Happens In Our Play?



Are You My Mother? is a musical comedy based on the popular children's book of the same name by P.D. Eastman.

While *Mother Bird* is away hunting for food, *Baby Bird* cracks out of her shell and finds herself alone in the nest. But she is not alone in the forest. A

Construction Worker is in the process of clearing trees—and Baby Bird's tree stands right next to the bulldozer!

A *Woman Protester* prevents the steam shovel from knocking down Baby Bird's tree, but the tree is shaken and Baby Bird falls out of her nest.

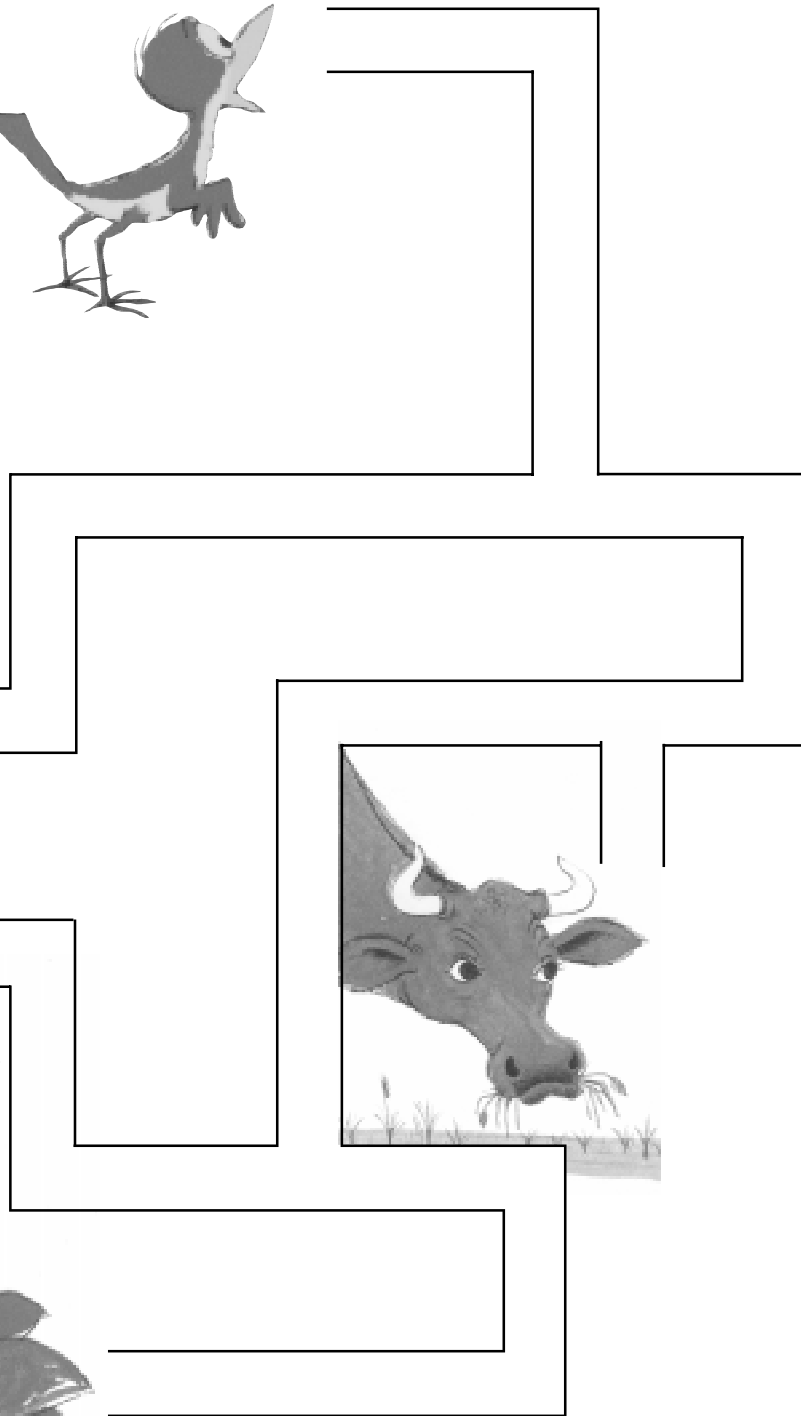
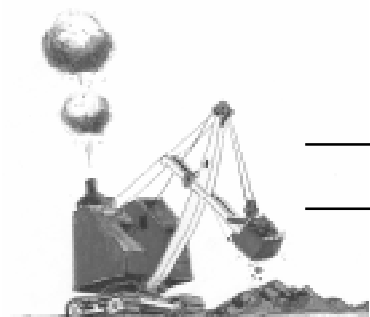
Alone, just out of the egg, Baby Bird is lost in all senses of the word. She only knows one thing: she must find her mother.

While stumbling through the neighborhood, she encounters *Hen*, *Kitten*, and *Dog*. All three realize that they, too, are lonely.

The animals find that they make more progress towards their goals when they join together. With determination—and the help of her friends—Baby Bird finally finds her mother.

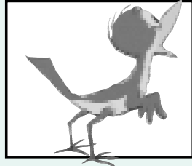
Can You Help Baby Bird Find Mother Bird?

Baby Bird has fallen out of the nest.
Can you be Baby Bird's friend and help her find the way to Mother Bird?

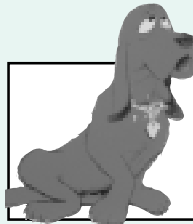
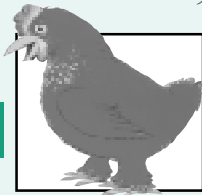


The Big Story

Baby Bird's adventure showed up in the newspaper. Unfortunately, the pictures that should have been in the story did not get printed. Can you draw them?



NEEDS MOTHER



Local

Help in Search

Early today, a small



fell from a nest in the large

oak



. Baby Bird looked for her



and asked for help from the animals she met.



All three animals helped. Everything ended happily, as we can see in this drawing.

Is That Mine?

Can you draw lines between the pictures that go together?



Baby Bird



Kitten



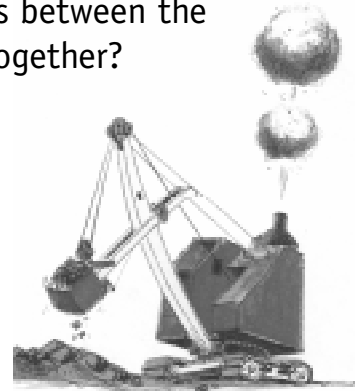
Construction Worker



Dog



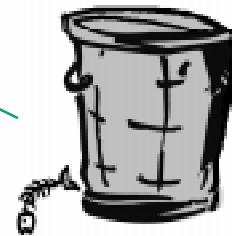
Hen



Steam Shovel



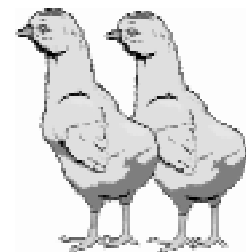
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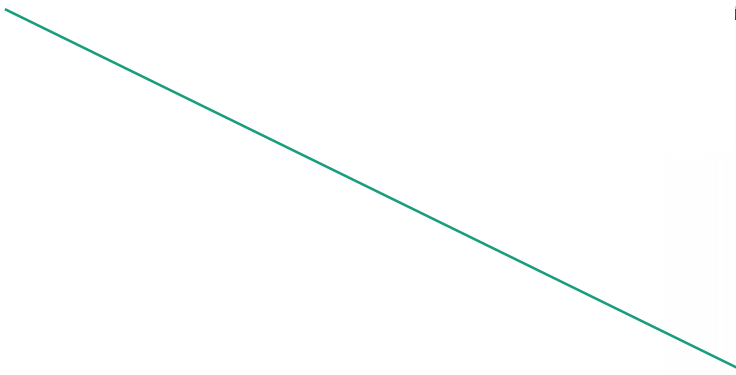
Garbage Can



Mother Bird



Chicks



Letter to Families

Dear Family,

Today I saw a live musical theatre performance by ArtsPower National Touring Theatre of ARE YOU MY MOTHER. ArtsPower is a theatre company from Verona, New Jersey.

This musical play was based on the children's book by P.D. Eastman. The story was about a baby bird who hatches while her mother is out looking for food. The baby bird leaves the nest to look for her mother. She makes a lot of new friends and learns a lot, but she still likes home best.

Attending a live performance is very different from watching a television show or a movie. Please ask me about my favorite characters. I can tell you all the things I remember best.

Love,



We welcome your comments!

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City, State _____

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Our class saw ARE YOU MY MOTHER? My favorite character was

My favorite part was

Your Name

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