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New words and sounds your baby might hear:

owl, seal, panda, zebra, polar bear.

Before:

- Hold your baby on your lap and look at the cover of the book together. Point to and talk about the baby polar bear. Label his body parts.

During:

- Make the sounds for as many of the animals as you can. Babies are attracted to these sounds.
- Emphasize the words, "Whose baby am I?" Then turn the page and point out the baby with its mama, or daddy.
- Talk about the pictures of the baby animals; describe what each looks like. Label body parts and special features: eyes, ears, mouth, nose, tails, feathers, fur, stripes, etc.
- Talk about how the baby animals look like their moms or dads.

After:

- At the end of the book say to your child, "Whose baby are you? You are my baby." (Option: Use a mirror to display your baby's face and your face during the activity.)
- At the end of the book show your baby how the baby animals match the parents by pointing to the baby and then to the parent. When he's older you can do this matching activity with your child.

Try some of the ideas above. Continue to use your own imagination during book play, too. Have fun with the book and enjoy your time together.

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