



# Let's Find Out About It:

## Caring for Babies – Oonga Boonga

Standard Connection:

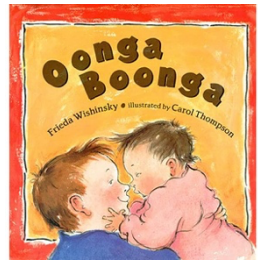
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### Enduring Understanding(s):

- A family is a group of people that care for and support each other.
- More mature family members are responsible for the safety and needs of less mature members.

### Essential Question(s):

- What does it mean to be a member of a family?
- How do families care for each other?

Materials	Vocabulary	Books
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oonga Boonga</li> <li>• rattles, blankets, baby toys</li> <li>• baby items and similar items used by older children (baby spoon and regular spoon, fabric blocks and LEGOs, etc.)</li> <li>• images of caring for babies (see Resources)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>uncomfortable:</b> discomfort/annoyance</li> <li>• <b>care:</b> things done to keep something in good condition</li> <li>• <b>soothe:</b> bring comfort to</li> <li>• <b>safe:</b> no danger</li> </ul>	

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Preparation: Set up materials	
"In Oonga Boonga, Baby Louise's family took care of her."	Show illustrations.
"Here are images of other families taking care of their babies. What do you notice?"	Show images. Children respond.
"Families care for the babies by feeding them when they are hungry, changing their diapers when they are dirty, and soothing them when they are upset or uncomfortable."	
"Here are some things that help soothe a baby. What do you notice?"	Show rattles, blankets, and baby toys. Children respond.
"Families also keep babies safe because they cannot take care of themselves. Here are _____ for babies. What do you notice?"	Show baby spoons, fabric blocks, etc.
"Here are _____ for older children. What do you notice?" "Why is this _____ safer for a baby than this _____?"	Show spoons, LEGOs, etc. Guide children to notice safety features such as rounded corners, non-breakable materials, and nothing a baby can swallow.

### Using this as a Provocation:

Add materials to Dramatic Play. Ask families to send in photos of them taking care of babies. Use photos in Creative Writing for children to reference and caption. Encourage children to write short books about baby care ("How to Change a Baby's Diaper" or "How to Burp a Baby").

