1. Run copies on cardstock (index paper or tagboard).

2. Color pieces with markers, color pencils (may not be as bright), pastels, or paint, (crayons may melt when laminated).

3. When putting two large pieces together, use a glue stick to prevent pieces from wrinkling when laminating.

4. Laminate story objects. You may cut pieces before or after laminating.

5. Attach Velcro dots or pieces to back of each object.

Tip: Make an outline story card to use when telling the story.

**Remember patterns are not to be used for children's art projects!**

Patterns may be use for teacher made puppets which children can use for story retelling. Patterns may be enlarged if preferred.

**Suggested Activities:**

1. Invite a mother and baby to visit the classroom. Encourage the children to ask questions about taking care of the baby.
2. Encourage children to tell you ways they can help care for a baby. List these on a chart.
3. Add a "new baby" prop box to the Dramatic Play Center. Include dolls, blankets, feeding dishes, toys, etc.
4. Make a graph of children's brothers and sisters. Write a story (2 or 3 sentences) telling the results from the graph.
5. Encourage children to bring a photo of when they were babies. Display these in the class.
6. Provide dollies, wallpaper, and newspaper for children to use in making a collage like Ezra Jack Keats.