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Thank you for downloading the Study Guide to go along with the performance presented by Arts On Stage. The last page of this Study Guide is a **Letter to Families** for you to send home with the child that includes information on what they saw to encourage parents to ask their child about the field trip.

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***Presenting Live Professional Theatre Field Trips for Students & Families***

# 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.

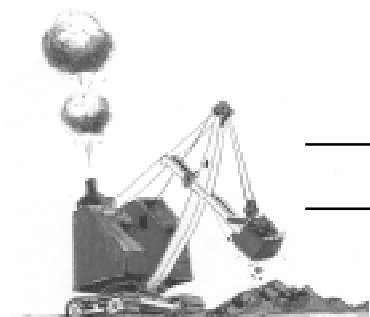
Alone, just out of the egg, Baby Bird is lost in all senses of the word. She only knows one thing: she must find her mother.

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?

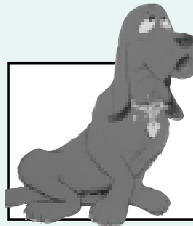
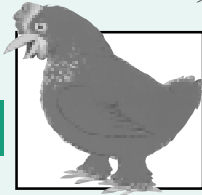


# The Big Story

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



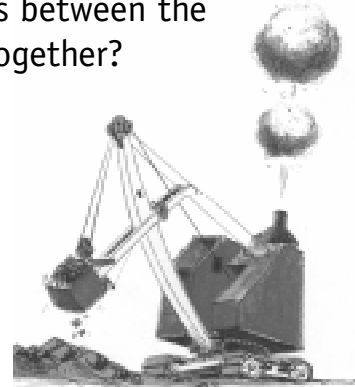
Construction Worker



Dog



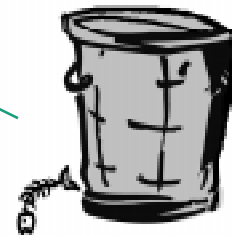
Hen



Steam Shovel



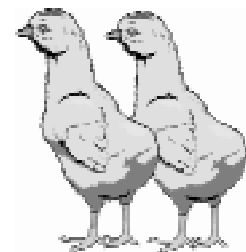
Dog House



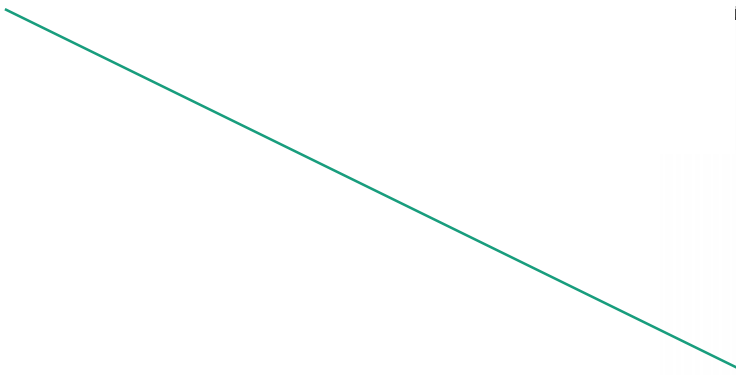
Garbage Can



Mother Bird



Chicks

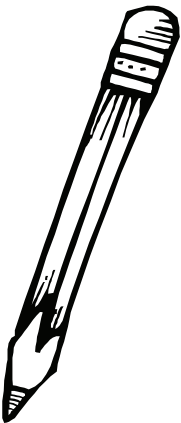


Dear Family,

Today, I saw a live, professional theatre performance presented by Arts On Stage called, Are You My Mother?. This play was a colorful musical adventure based on P.D. Eastmans' whimsical picture book. At long last, Baby Bird emerges from her shell and expects to be greeted by her mother's song, but her mother is not there. With the help of Dog, Cat, and Hen, Baby Bird sets out in search of Mother Bird. Attending a live performance is very different from watching a television show or a movie. Please ask me about my favorite characters and parts of the play. I would like to tell you all the things I learned and remember best.

Love,

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*Child's Name*



We welcome you and/or your child's comments. Artwork is always appreciated too! Contact information below.



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