



Storytime Ideas

Book Title: *Baby Rattlesnake/ Viborita De Cascabel*

About the Book: Baby Rattlesnake wants a rattle like his older siblings have. His crying keeps the rattlesnake elders up all night, so his parents give him a new rattle. Sure enough, he misuses his new rattle. When he tries to scare the chief's daughter, she steps on his rattle and crushes it. Sad and defeated, he returns to his forgiving family who give him big rattlesnake hugs.

Storytime Activities:

Dress Up Fun!

Find a noise maker/toy and wiggle with grace by slithering to mimic a rattlesnake every time you turn the page or say Baby Rattlesnake.

What's in the Mystery Bag?

Use your mystery bag to pull out different items that make noise. Ask: Which sound resembles a rattlesnake?

Whiteboard Activities:

Review the animals' emotions in the story. Draw examples of the animal's emotions on your whiteboard.

Actions & Transitions:

- **Before Reading:**
 - Talk about the title of the book.
 - Ask: What do they think this book will most likely be about? What do they think might happen? Is there something that your big brother/sister or an older person has that you wished you had?
- **During Reading:**
 - Ask: What words that describe how Baby Rattlesnake feels about not having a rattle? Why do you think the Rattlesnake People use a "council" to discuss the problem of Baby Rattlesnake's constant crying? After his rattle is broken, why do you think Baby Rattlesnake stays with his family for the rest of the day?
- **After Reading:**
 - Ask: What do you think Baby Rattlesnake learns in this story? What lesson did you learn from reading this story? How have you ever wanted to be more grown up? What kinds of response do adults give when kids are not old enough for something?

Vocabulary:

- Rattlesnake
- Desert
- Elders
- Chief