

The Dog Who Had Kittens

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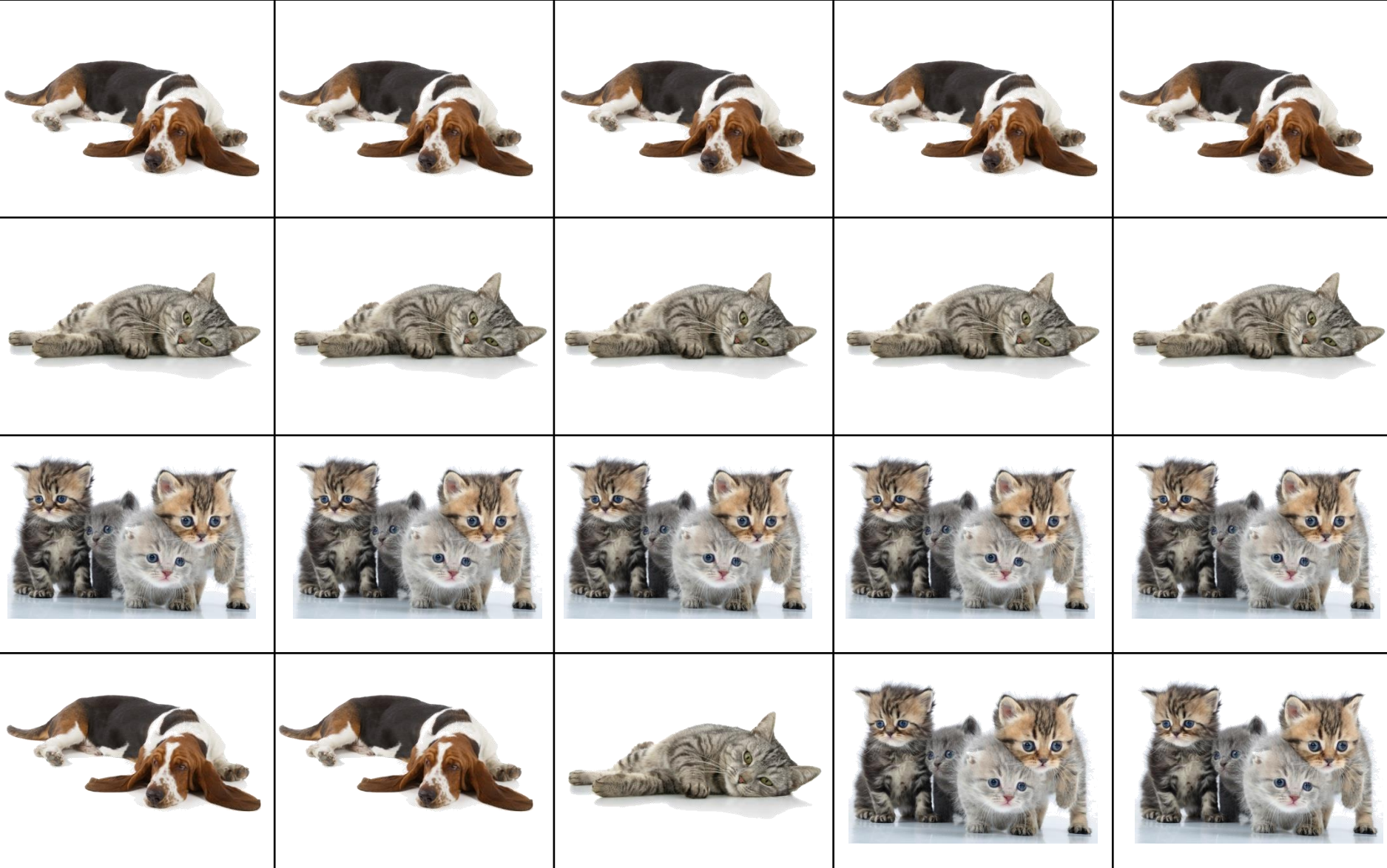
Sample Lesson Plan

Please remember all kids are different and during this fun early childhood stage it is still about having fun while learning. This is just a sample idea, please adjust to fit your child, and your family.

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
read book	read book	read book	read book	read book
SCIENCE Baby or Adult Animals	CREATIVE art/craft or Coloring	SCIENCE Describe a Basset Hound	CREATIVE craft/art {child's choice}	repeat comprehension/ story sequencing
LITERACY D is for Dog	LITERACY story sequencing	LITERACY Sight Words	LITERACY comprehension questions	additional craft/art
MATH patterns Baxter, Eloise, Kittens	MATH Dog Graph	MATH Story Problems	MATH Days of the Week	repeat favorites
CHARACTER Gratitude	KITCHEN {parent choice}	BIBLE Psalm 106:1	WRITING Sentence about Baxter & Eloise	

Math Connection ~ Baxter, Eloise and Kitten Patterns

Print 1 or 2 copies and use to make patterns. After using the pieces and making different patterns, use the page that follows to glue them down in a pattern if desired.



Pattern Strip

{cut out and glue rectangles together to make a long strip for gluing the pizza shapes in a pattern}

Math Connection ~ Days of the Week

Have your child complete the sentence, "On _____{day}, Baxter..." to practice using days of the week in conversation. If you do special things on specific days, encourage your child to use those ideas.

Examples: "On Sunday, Baxter went to church." "On Tuesday, Baxter went to gymnastics."

Use the day of the week word cutouts to practice putting the days in order, and the image of Baxter to help with narration.



Sunday	Monday
Tuesday	Wednesday
Thursday	Friday
Saturday	

Story Problems

Use actual objects to work through these basic story problems with your child. If these problems are too difficult or too easy for your child, make up your own!

Baxter was playing with 2 kittens. Later 2 more kittens came to play with him. How many kittens are playing with him now?



$$2 + 2 = \underline{\quad}$$



Four kittens were playing together. Two kittens ran away. How many kittens are left?



$$4 - 2 = \underline{\quad}$$

Eloise was sleeping alone. Baxter joined her. How many animals are sleeping together now?



$$1 + 1 = \underline{\quad}$$



Baxter found one bone in his yard. Later he found two more bones. How many bones does he have all together?



$$1 + 2 = \underline{\quad}$$



Describe a Basset Hound



Baxter is a
Basset Hound
like these dogs!

What do you notice about a Basset Hound's...

?

Colors
Ears
Legs
Fur
Eyes
Feet
Size
Tail

?



Sort Baby and Adult Animals







Babies



Adults

Count & Graph the Dogs

Count the dogs shown and fill in the graph!

10						
9						
8						
7						
6						
5						
4						
3						
2						
1						
						

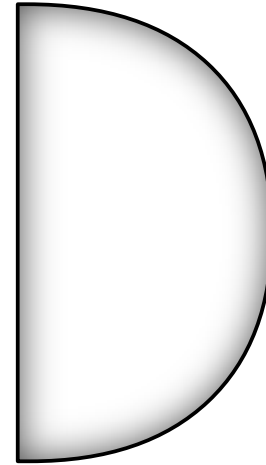


Phonics Connection ~ Letter D

Cut and glue all items that begin with the letter D onto the D !



D is for dog
and...



Literacy Connection ~ Sequencing

Pocket Chart printables can be used in a pocket chart or just simply laid on the floor or table. Print pages on cardstock, laminate and then cut apart into strips. Use the book along with the strips to put the story back in order!

Story sequencing is an important skill in the early years and greatly helps with comprehension. Use these to work on putting the story back in order and also to work on reading with expression!

Baxter is a Basset Hound.



Eloise had kittens.



Baxter was sad.



Baxter laid in the box with the kittens.



The kittens got bigger
and got new homes.



Eloise and Baxter
were friends.



Comprehension Connection

Use the following questions as you read, or after to improve comprehension. Make up your own questions too! Cut them out and make a game out of it. Put the cards in a bag or basket and have your child choose one to answer! If s/he is confused, turn to find the answer in the book, showing how to reread for better understanding!

How did Eloise treat Baxter when she first had the kittens.

Right when the kittens were born, where was Baxter put? How did he feel?

How did Baxter finally see the kittens?

When the kittens were crying and Eloise wasn't there, what did Baxter do?

Who spent the most time playing with the kittens as they grew up?

How did Eloise feel about Baxter at the end of the story?

Character Connection ~ Being Grateful

In the book, the cat Eloise is a bit rude to Baxter. In the end she thanks him and shows her gratitude for all he did for the kittens. This made Baxter feel very loved and happy.

Practice ways of showing gratitude, use these phrases if needed for role playing. Role play some situations where a thank-you would be expected to practice showing gratitude.

Some Examples ~

You just got a birthday gift from someone, what could you say?

Your friend picked up the toy you just dropped and handed it back to you, what could you say?

You are invited to a friend's house to play and as you are leaving, what could you say?

Your gymnastics class just ended, what could you say to your teacher?



Thank you!

I appreciate you!

That made me feel great!

I am so grateful!

That was kind!

That means a lot to me!

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Lord, for he is good;
his love endures
forever.
Psalm 106:1



Bible Connection

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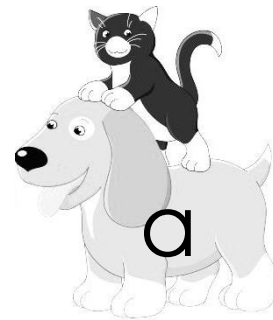
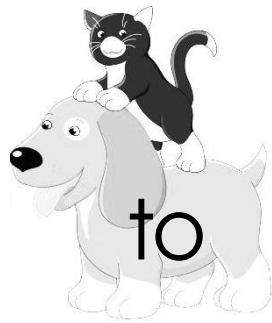
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Find the Sight Word!

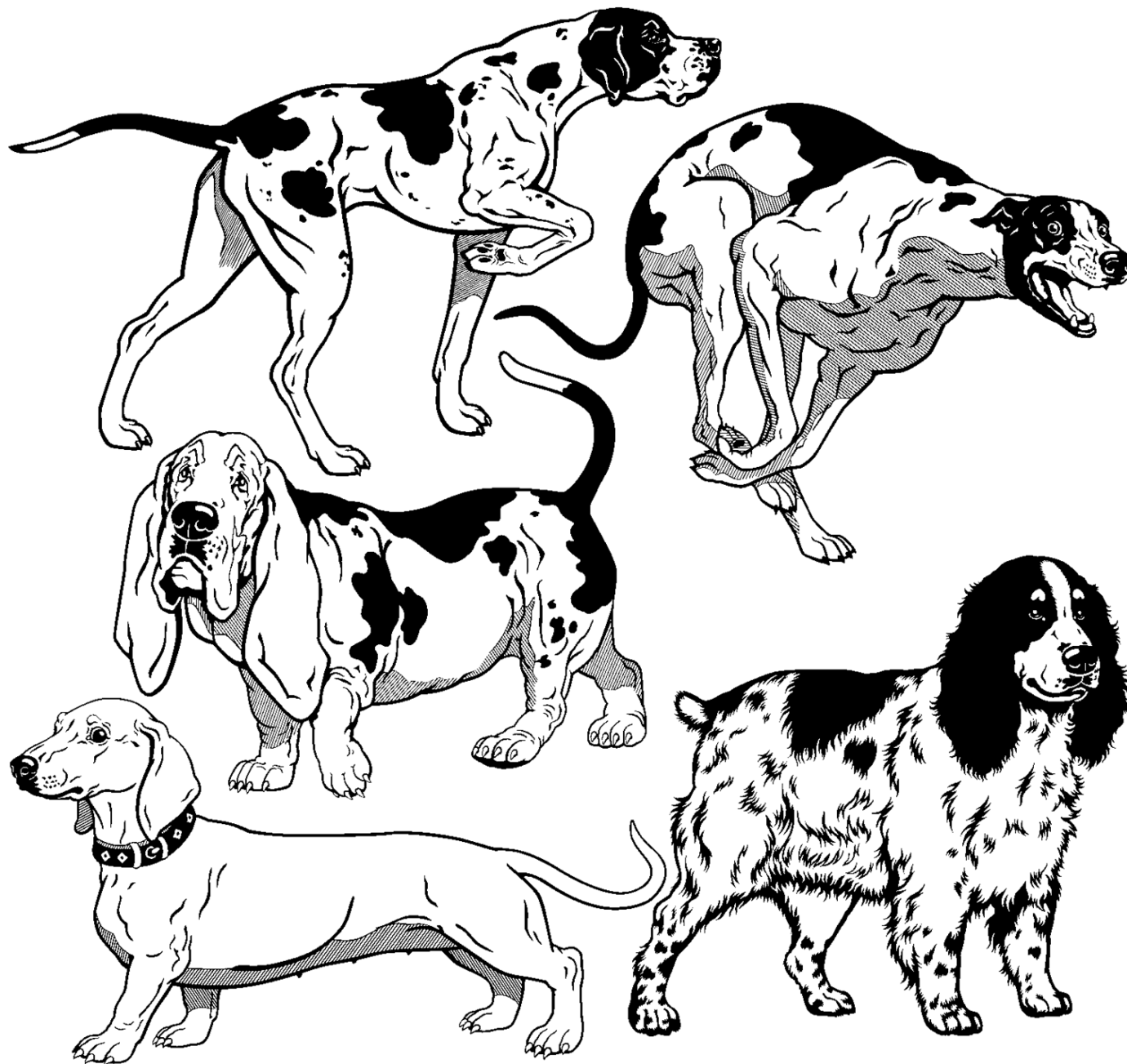
All of these sight words are in the book. Cut out the sight words and use the ones your child is working on. Help your child find the words in the story and read the sentences together.



Can you write a sentence about Eloise and Baxter?



Four sets of horizontal lines for writing, each consisting of a solid top line, a dashed middle line, and a solid bottom line.



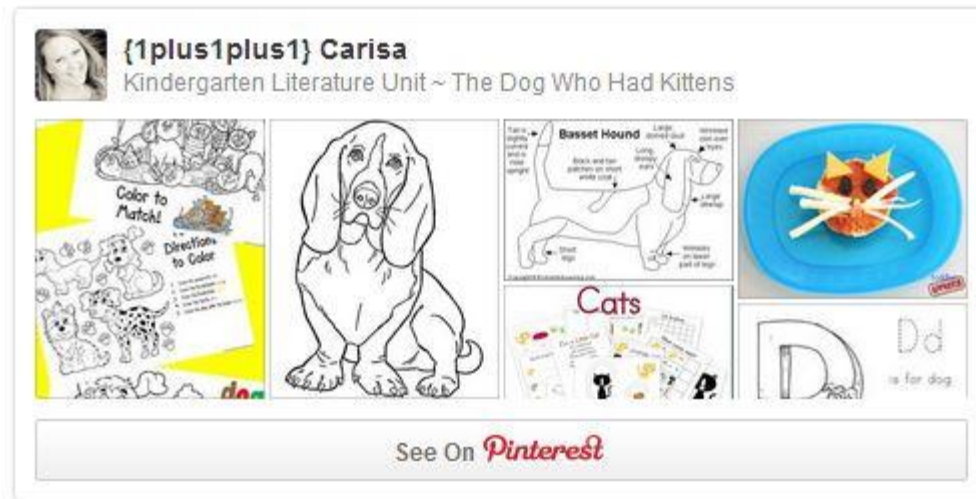
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Baxter?

Can you find
and color the
Basset
Hound?

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Set the Stage ~ Toys and Additional Dog Books

Set the stage by creating a fun “invitation to learn” area for your unit. A simple shelf, basket, or bin will work. Gather any toys or books you have to prepare. Borrow items from a friend or the library. Think of any games or stuffed animals you may have to bring the story to life. Be sure to have the focus book and other books that stem from the focus book to inspire more reading. Below are some suggestions.

Since there are other books we have units for that feature cats, I decided to feature dogs for this book extension theme. Obviously you could add in cats too if desired.

We will be extending by exploring Basset Hounds in particular since there are many other great books featuring these adorable dogs!

[Click to see](#) fun toys and books to go along with this unit!

