**Animal Messages**

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**New Book – Day 1 Sample Lesson**

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| 1 | Contents [page numbers are shown]  Lions… | [photograph of a tiger’s face] |
| 2-3 | Animals can’t talk, but they can send  messages to each other. They have  ways to let other animals know what  they want to tell them. Some sounds  send a message. Lions and tigers roar  to tell their families about danger. | [photograph of a lion with mouth open showing teeth] |
| 4-5 | Elephants have very good ears. They  put their trunks up high and make  a loud noise called a trumpet. They  stamp the ground with their feet to  send a message a long way. | [photograph of elephants in grasslands; can see tusks, big ears, feet] |
| 6-7 | Birds … |  |
| 8-9 | Dogs bark and wag their tails when  they feel happy. An unhappy dog puts  its tail between its legs, and makes a  sound called a whine. Sometimes dogs  howl, like wolves and foxes do. | [photograph of dog in a body of water, carrying a stick in its mouth] |
| 10-11 | Kangaroos, rabbits, and frogs all have  strong back legs. They thump on the  ground to send a message when there  is danger. Other animals can feel the  message through the ground. | [photograph of kangaroo in habitat; can see short front legs, long tail, big ears, strong back legs] |
| 12-13 | Dolphins and whales jump up and hit on  the top of the sea with their tails and  fins. They can send messages a long way  under the water by making sounds like  clicks and whistles and squeaks. | [photograph of two dolphins leaping above the ocean] |
| 14-15 | A cat hisses when it is angry or  frightened to scare other animals  away. It puts its claws out ready  to fight, and its back goes up.  It waves its tail slowly, and its  hair sticks up. But when it is  happy, a cat purrs. | [photograph of a cat encountering a dog; eyes are bright and mouth is open.] |
| 16 | Some animals touch others to tell  them how they feel. Monkeys and  chimpanzees give hugs and kisses to their families, just like people do. | [photograph of two monkeys with faces close together and arms entwined.] |
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