**Animal Messages**

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**New Book – Day 1 Sample Lesson**

| **Page** | **Text** | **Illustration** |
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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 whatthey want to tell them. Some soundssend a message. Lions and tigers roarto tell their families about danger.  | [photograph of a lion with mouth open showing teeth] |
| 4-5 | Elephants have very good ears. Theyput their trunks up high and makea loud noise called a trumpet. Theystamp 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 whenthey feel happy. An unhappy dog putsits tail between its legs, and makes asound called a whine. Sometimes dogshowl, 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 theground to send a message when thereis danger. Other animals can feel themessage 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 andfins. They can send messages a long wayunder 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 orfrightened to scare other animalsaway. It puts its claws out readyto fight, and its back goes up.It waves its tail slowly, and itshair sticks up. But when it ishappy, a cat purrs. | [photograph of a cat encountering a dog; eyes are bright and mouth is open.] |
| 16 | Some animals touch others to tellthem 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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