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Encourage the parents of student caregivers to make their child’s simulation as realistic as possible by requiring them to complete basic household chores or prepare meals while caring for Baby.

Raise money for additional Babies by having the community “adopt” new Babies. Provide those community members with “birth certificates” and photos of their Baby making a difference in your classroom.

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Encourage your students to go on at least one public outing while caring for Baby to give them a glimpse of the social and practical impacts of traveling with an infant.

To complete your students’ parenting experience, encourage them (both males and females) to don the RealCare® Pregnancy Profile Simulator for a specified time period prior to taking Baby home.

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## Bonus Ideas with RealCare® Baby 3

- 1 Before deploying RealCare Baby each week, charge it overnight to ensure a full seven day’s use.
- 2 Use Mr. Clean® Magic Erasers® to easily remove dirt and grime from Baby’s vinyl.
- 3 Number all accessories that come with each Baby to easily track parts.
- 4 Take advantage of Realityworks’ storage solutions, which include small and large carts, as well as soft-sided cases, that both store and charge Baby.
- 5 Encourage students to journal about their experience caring for Baby, then share excerpts with their classmates.

# STEP-BY-STEP PRINTING INSTRUCTIONS:

All PDF documents require the use of Adobe Acrobat Reader, which can be downloaded for free at [www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html](http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html).

- 1) Open file in Adobe Acrobat
- 2) File -> Print
- 3) Under Page Size & Handling, highlight the Poster button
  - a. Select tile scale of 100%
  - b. Select an overlap of 0.005 in
  - c. Select poster orientation of Portrait
- 4) Click the Page Setup button at the bottom of the page
  - a. Select paper size to 11 x 17
- 5) Check your Printer Properties by clicking the Properties button after the printer name to ensure
  - a. Color printing is enabled
  - b. Single-sided printing is selected
  - c. Page size is selected as 11 x 17
- 6) Click the Print button at the bottom of the page
- 7) Cut out printed poster and tape 4 printed pages together



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