

Gr. 1, Theme 9, Story 3
The Surprise Family, Fluency

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| only | together | watched | baby | edge |
| enough | garden | sharp | taught | fluffy |

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A baby chick looked out. Nobody was there.
Where was her mother? The baby chick looked up and saw—
a boy. Her mother was a boy! The boy was not
the kind of mother the chick had expected,
but she loved him anyway. She followed him everywhere.
The boy showed his baby chick how to find water and food
and grit for her gizzard. He taught her how to hide safe
inside his jacket when a hawk flew by
or when the vacuum cleaner came too close. Every afternoon
the boy and his baby chick went for a walk around the garden.
At night she slept warm under the edge of his quilt.
The baby chick grew and grew and became a little hen.
She still followed the boy everywhere, but following the boy
was not enough. She wanted a family to follow her.
She built a nest. The boy found a clutch of eggs.
He gave them to the little hen. She sat and warmed the eggs,
and every day she turned the eggs, and she sat and she sat
and she sat and she sat and she sat— CRACK!

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