



## Baby Goes To Market

Take a fun and vibrant walk with mom and her baby as they spend the day at a busy marketplace in Southwest Nigeria. Author, Atinuke, and illustrator, Angela Brooksbank, created [Baby Goes to Market](#) from their childhood memories of everyday encounters in the markets of Nigeria and Ghana. Their book introduces early math skills including subtraction and addition for older children and counting for younger children.

### Activities

- Use different color playdough to make various foods from the market.
- Play market by placing play food, bags, and baskets out to explore.
- Place crayons or markers and paper on a table along with pictures from the book and allow children to draw what they see.
- Explore real fruit and vegetables and discuss which ones are heavy and which ones are light in weight.
- Connect the fruits and vegetables from the meals you serve to the fruits and vegetables in the book.
- Place large blankets in the dramatic play area next to baby dolls for children to explore baby wearing.
- Display baby wearing pictures of people from different cultures in your environment.

### Book Interaction Tips

- Count the number of items baby collects while walking with their mom through the market.
- Discuss the different colors of clothing of the people in the market and the color of the foods.
- Ask questions about what other people are carrying in their baskets.
- Are there items besides food sold at the market? If so, talk about it.
- Explain what a taxi is and discuss the difference between a taxi in Nigeria and a taxi in the United States.
- Research the history behind women in Nigeria and other countries carrying items on their head and talk about it.
- If reading the book one on one, allow your child to turn the pages. If the child is turning the pages quickly, don't worry about the words on the pages. Just talk about what you see.



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