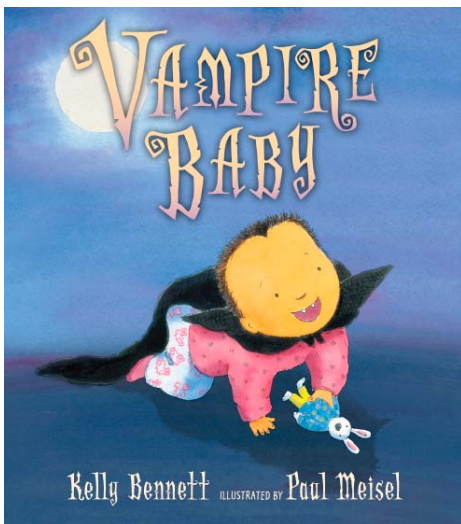


VAMPIRE BABY



Story Hour Kit



Best for...

Ages 0-7

Libraries

Bookstores

Families

Play Groups

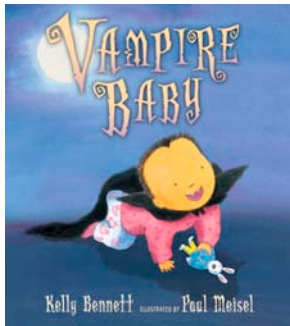
Early Childhood - Gr. 1 Classrooms

Photograph a "Vampire Baby" with a hilarious assortment of vampire lips (included in this kit) and the vampire baby's favorite library could win a collection of Kelly Bennett picture books! Giveaway offer expires 11/1/14.

It is easy for patrons or customers to enter and the baby's privacy is protected!

Vampire Baby: A Story Hour Kit for Libraries, Bookstores, Classrooms & Families

About the Book



Vampire Baby

By Kelly Bennett

Illustrated by Paul Meisel

Published by Candlewick Press

ISBN-13: 9780763646912

Hardcover, \$15.99

Age range: 3-7 Years

It happens overnight: little sister Tootie goes from cuddly, ga-ga-googoo, I-want-my-ba-ba baby to...vampire baby. Now she's sinking her pointy fangs into everything – furniture, toys, and especially her big brother ("Youch, Tootie! No bite!"). Mom insists that it's just a phase, but Tootie's brother knows better. Just look at her hairline! Or the fact that all her favorite foods are bloodred! With perfect comic timing, Kelly Bennett and Paul Meisel give a fresh slant to the new-baby story, proving that even monstrous little arrivals have a funny way of staking their siblings' affections.

About the Story Hour Kit / Activity



To play with the book's theme of teething babies and toddlers secretly being vampires, the kit include seven different sets of silly Vampire Baby Lips to cut-out. The lips, placed on an included paper Vampire Baby Lip Stick, can be easily held up in front of a baby, toddler, or ADULT'S lips for a funny transformation.

Following the instructions on the Vampire Baby Lip Stick your patrons, customers, and families can snap a picture and email it to **Vampire Baby** author Kelly Bennett for her blog or Facebook page. The privacy of these vampire babies is completely protected!

Families send the name and location of their favorite library and Kelly Bennett will select a random entered library to receive a collection of her books. Giveaway offer expires 11/1/14.

About the Author & Illustrator

Kelly Bennett is the author of many books for children, including the award-winning **Not Norman: A Goldfish Story**. "Picture books are like icebergs," she notes, "so much of what goes on goes unseen." And revising picture book text is a lot like carving an ice sculpture. "I start with a big, messy jumble of words, pages of words, blocks of words, and just start chipping away. When I'm finished, I hope what's left is as pure and simply stated as I can write it." Explore Kelly's books at www.kellybennett.com.



Paul Meisel is the illustrator of **Harriet's Had Enough!** by Elissa Haden Guest, **What's the Matter in Mr. Whiskers' Room?** by Michael Elsohn Ross, **Dear Baby** by Sarah Sullivan, and many other books, including the Theodor Seuss Geisel Honor-winning **See Me Run**. Explore Paul's books at www.paulmeisel.com.

Vampire Baby Story Hour

What You Might Prepare - One Month in Advance of the Event

___ Locate a copy of the picture book **Vampire Baby** by Kelly Bennett and illustrated by Paul Meisel (Candlewick Press).

___ If you are doing an event for the public, copy and display the Story Hour Poster in this kit, hand it out in your community, and include it in a display.

___ If you are doing an event for the public, list the event in newsletters and online calendars with copy such as:

Youch! No Bite! Did you ever suspect a teething baby or toddler of vampirism? The big brother in the hilarious picture book **Vampire Baby** by Kelly Bennett and illustrated by Paul Meisel (Candlewick Press) sees the signs in his very own baby sister! We will enjoy a reading and then transform ourselves into Vampire Babies with a quick costume change! If you snap a photo of your Vampire Baby, your favorite library could win books from the author! All ages welcome, but best for ages 0-7.

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___ Review your photo policy. Can you take pictures of “Vampire Babies” and share them for the contest and/or on your social networks? No worries if you cannot, the contest allows for individuals to submit their own pictures and enter their favorite library to win books.

___ (Optional) To increase the fun, locate a vampire cape for yourself to wear during story hour.

___ (Optional) To increase the fun, locate a few child’s vampire capes for the babies or toddlers to wear in their Vampire Baby photos

What You Might Prepare – A Week or Two in Advance of the Event

___ (Optional) Print “The No Bite” Song sheet for each anticipated participant or enough for each family group. It is a fun takeaway even if you do not have time to lead the song during your event.

___ Decide whether or not you want to **A)** hand-out the finished vampire lips on their stick (photo right) or **B)** simply provide families with a sheet to make their own at the event.

A) Prepping Finished Vampire Lips

___ Print out the included Vampire Baby Lips sheet and then cut out the individual lips. You will want lips for each anticipated participant. (If you have older kids, you might want to consider printing out the included blank lips to color.)

___ Print out the included Vampire Baby Lip Stick sheet and then cut out the individual sticks. You will want a “lip stick” for each anticipated participant.

___ Fold the Vampire Baby Lip Sticks in half length-wise and attach lips with glue stick.

___ Locate a cup to display and/or hand around the lips at the event.

Option: Display the cup of lips before or after the event for families or kids to take away.



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B) Prepping for Families to Make Their Own Lips

___ Print out the sheet (one for each anticipated participant) in this kit entitled “Snap a Picture of Your ‘Vampire Baby’ And Win Books For Your Library.”

___ Gather kid-safe scissors and glue sticks for participants to share.

What You Might Do – The Day of the Event

___ Read the picture book **Vampire Baby** by Kelly Bennett and illustrated by Paul Meisel (Candlewick Press) aloud to the gathered children.

___ Distribute the lyrics and lead “The No Bite” Song (Optional).

___ Transition to the Vampire Lips activity with an announcement like:

“I am now going to magically transform you all into Vampire Babies!”

___ Hand around the cup of lips and ask each family or participant to take a pair of vampire lips or lead families to construct their own.

___ Explain the contest with an announcement like:

“If you snap a picture of your Vampire Baby and send it to the author Kelly Bennett by email or via her Facebook page, your favorite library could win a collection of her books! The directions are on the handle of your Vampire Baby Lips.

Know that sending a photo implies your consent for author Kelly Bennett to use it on her blog and Facebook page. She will not, however, share the name or location of your vampire baby. Help her with that by NOT sharing your baby’s name or location – just his or her favorite library!

The contest runs thru 11/1/14.

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___ (Optional) If your photo policy allows it, set up a Vampire Baby photo booth and snap pictures of your patrons, customers, or families holding up the lips and a copy of the book **Vampire Baby**. You can submit all the photos on behalf of a library.

To increase the fun, locate other vampire costume elements for the kids and adults like capes and plastic teeth for adults.

And remember: No Biting!

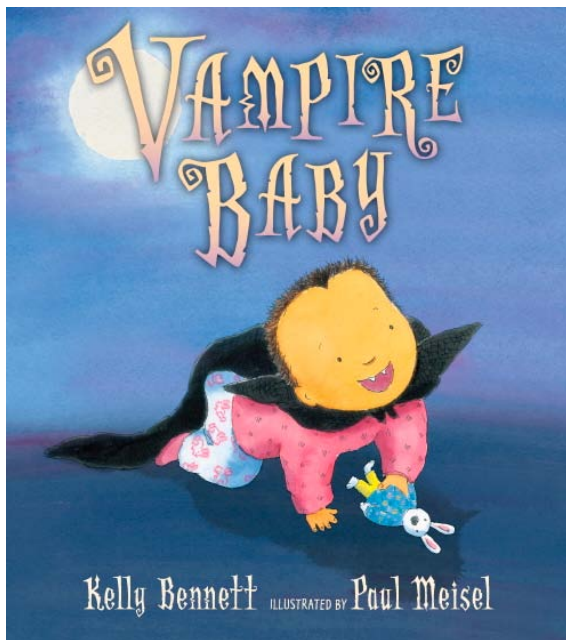
Could your teething baby or toddler be a vampire??!!

VAMPIRE BABY

STORY HOUR



Join us for a reading of **VAMPIRE BABY** and play vampire with a silly takeaway costume change.



WHEN:

WHERE:

All ages welcome, but best for ages 0-7.

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The No Bite! Song

Created by Barb Crispin and author Kelly Bennett to accompany a reading of Bennett's picture book *VAMPIRE BABY*, illustrated by Paul Meisel (Candlewick Press). Images © Paul Meisel. Words © Kelly Bennett.

Actions:

Everyone shakes their fingers in time with "No!"
Everyone points to his/herself on "ME!"

Lyrics:

You can bite an apple.
You can bite a flea.
You can bite the newspaper.
But you can't bite me.
No-no! No-no! No-no! NO!
You can't... Bite... ME!



You can bite an ice cream.
You can bite a tree.
You can bite a bike tire
But you can't bite me.
No-no! No-no! No-no! NO!
You can't... Bite... ME!



You can bite a pickle
You can bite a Tee-Vee.
You can bite the dog's toy.
But you can't bite me!
No-no! No-no! No-no! NO!
You can't... Bite... ME!

You can bite a sour lemon,
Or a bright green pea.
You can even bite a giant shark swimming in the sea.
[Action: Say, "Argh!" and make bite action!]
Bite all these things./ Bite them with glee!
... But ...



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NO BITE!

Snap a Picture of a “Vampire Baby” And Win Books For Your Library

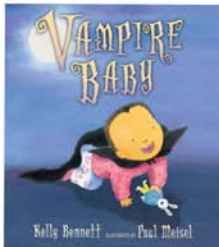
To celebrate the release of her picture book **VAMPIRE BABY**, author Kelly Bennett is giving books to 10 random libraries named in “Vampire Baby” photographs.

How does one create a “Vampire Baby”? Cut out the Vampire Lip Stick (left), fold the stick in half, affix a pair of fanged smoochers (right), cover real lips with vampiric ones, snap a picture and follow the directions on the lip stick to enter your picture and favorite library to win. The privacy of all Vampire Babies (young and old) will be protected! **Enter before 11/1/14!**

Libraries or play groups wishing to do this as a group activity can find an event kit complete with bulk lips, songs, and others fanged goodies at www.CuriousCityDPW.com.

Vampire Lip Stick

STICK LIPS HERE



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Facebook “Kelly Bennett Books” or email kelly@kellybennett.com your photo noting your favorite library and its city and state.

Pictures will be shared on Kelly’s Facebook and blog. No names of locations will be attached to photos (to protect the privacy of vampires everywhere). Sending photos implies your consent for the picture to appear in the stated locations in support of good fun and literacy.

And remember:
No Bites!

Vampire Lips



Vampire Baby Lips

Cut out the pair of Vampire Baby Lips for each anticipated participant. They look best when you cut closely along the lips' outline.



Vampire Baby Lip Stick

Cut out a Vampire Baby Lip Stick for each anticipated participant. Fold the Vampire Baby Lip Stick vertically. Paste lip to top of the stick!

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Vampire Baby Lips To Color

If you have older participants that you think might want to color, have some of these blank lips available.

