

Title: FROGGY BABY
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Targeted Level Grouping: E-F
Concept: Froggy sees baby pictures of his three friends and decides he wants to see what he looked like when he was a baby.
Froggy Series

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[ART: Froggy is smiling as he looks at his baby book, open on his lap.]

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[ART: Pick up from interior.]

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Froggy went to Duck's house
to play.
Duck was looking at some pictures.

[ART: Show inside of Duck's house. The walls are papered in a cattail design. The couch and chairs look a bit like nests. Duck is sitting on the couch with a photo album open across her lap. Froggy is leaning over the back of the couch, looking on.]

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"This is my baby picture,"
said Duck.
"I was a very cute baby."

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"Yes, you were," said Froggy.

[ART: Close-up of a photo of an adorable downy yellow duckling in its nest.]

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Froggy and Duck went
to Otter's house.

"Can we see your baby pictures?"
said Duck.

[ART: Show Duck and Froggy outside Otter's house built into the bank of the pond. The peaked roof is two otter mudslides. Otter is sitting outside, playing his guitar.]

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"Here I am," said Otter.

"I was a very cute baby."

"Yes, you were," said Froggy.

[ART: Show friends sitting on a velvety brown couch in front of cattails wallpaper, with an open photo album spread across their laps. They are peering at a close-up shot of an adorable baby otter curled in sleep.]

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Then Froggy and Duck and Otter
went to Turtle's house.

"Can we see your baby pictures?"
said Duck.

[ART: The friends are approaching Turtle's house, where Turtle is outside sunning on a log.]

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"Here I am," said Turtle.

"I was a cute, cute baby."

"Yes, you were," said Froggy.

[ART: Otter, Duck and Froggy have joined Turtle on the log. They have a photo album open across their laps. Turtle points to a close-up of a baby turtle with a parent turtle to show size comparison.]

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All of Froggy's friends had
cute baby pictures.

Froggy wanted to know
what he looked like
when he was a baby.

So he went to ask his mom.

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[ART: Across the spread--Froggy waving goodbye to his friends, and headed down the road around the pond.]

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"Mommy, was I a cute baby?"

Froggy asked.

"Yes, yes, yes!" his mom said.

"You were as cute as a button!"

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"Can I see my baby picture?"

Froggy asked.

[ART Across the spread: Froggy is talking with his mother, who can be a funny character. Perhaps she is sunning herself on a lily pad, with a beach umbrella and a tall glass of iced tea, reading The Best Bug Cook Book. Her hair is in a bun, with a dragonfly clasp.]

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"Here is your baby book,"

said Froggy's mom.

[ART: Spot of Mommy Frog handing Froggy a photo album.]

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Froggy looked at a picture.
He saw lots of baby frogs.

"But which one is me?"
said Froggy

[ART: Mom has gone back to sunbathing. Froggy is looking at an album similar to all the others in the story. We can see only part of the photo—a mass of many wiggling polliwog tails.]

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"Here I am!" said Froggy.
"And I was very, very cute!"

[ART: Froggy looks proud and happy. He is holding up the album so we can see both his expression and the whole polliwog picture clearly. His "finger" is pointing at the one wiggly polliwog amongst all the others, who is wearing a miniature version of his beret. None of the polliwogs is exactly what we'd call cute.]