

Shaken Baby Syndrome & Period of Purple Crying Lessons

Intro: Listen to the following YouTube clip (auditory only).

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_AUtYTtYMRE

As it's playing, describe the following scenario: Your baby has been crying for an hour and you are feeling exhausted and frustrated.

- What can you do?
- What shouldn't you do?

Hopefully the "shaking a baby" example comes up with what you should not do with this crying baby. If not, use it as an intro into the topic of SBS.

Discuss: Ask students how many of them are familiar with the term "Shaken Baby Syndrome"? Tell students this will be our topic for a couple of days.

Activity: To learn more about SBS, either view the SBS YouTube clip <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M3xytsg6oDo> or read the New York Times article and have students fill out the graphic organizer. Following the clip, answer the questions on the back. Answers to the Graphic Organizer can be discussed as a class or turned in as an assignment.

Note: If using the New York Times article on Shaken Baby Syndrome just change the word video to article on the graphic organizer question.

<http://www.nytimes.com/health/guides/injury/shaken-baby-syndrome/overview.html>

To reinforce information and see examples of what SBS can do to a child view the following YouTube clip...just be prepared it is SAD.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RULtaGkMIQE&feature=em-subst_digest-vreccs

Activity: Sometimes babies cry for long periods of time even after you've tried everything to comfort/soothe them. This is called "The Period of Purple Crying" and something you should be aware of.

View the video and/or explore the website <http://purplecrying.info/> and complete the worksheet.

Project/Assignment: Using all of the information you've gathered about crying and shaken baby syndrome, complete the writing assignment: SBS/I am Poem

Community Service Project: Make PURPLE hats on knitting looms as a community service project and donate to local hospitals. Looms can be found at:

<http://www.amazon.com/Genuine-Knifty-Knitter-Round-Looms/dp/B003IH8A5E>

If you knit OR crochet, then the pattern and information can be found here: <http://clickforbabies.org/get-a-pattern.php>