

Mother's Secret

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Seven-year old Eva could still remember that day. Mother and Daddy took her to the park and they ate hot dogs and drank cokes. Mother said that she had a secret and daddy had a funny smile on his face.

“A secret?” Eva asked. “Tell me please!”

It was then that she learned that she was going to be a big sister! She was so excited and when she got home she began putting all of her old toys and clothes in a basket.

“These are for the baby,” she told her mom and dad. “I am going to teach her how to play all of my games. It will be so fun to have a sister to play with”

“Eva, the baby will be too little to play,” explained mother. “It will be a long time before you will be able to play with the baby because it will only eat and sleep at first. But you can help me. There will be a lot to do.”

Daddy said, “We don't know if the baby is a girl or a boy, Eva. We will have to wait to find out. If they put a pink hat on her we will know it's a girl.”

“I hope it's a girl,” said Eva. “Girls are more fun to play with.”

It seemed to take forever for the baby to come. Mother's tummy grew bigger and bigger until it looked like it was about to “pop”!

“The baby is growing inside my tummy, Eva,” explained mother. “When the baby is big enough it will be born. We will go to the hospital and the doctor will help.” Mom showed Eva the picture the doctor took of the baby.

“Wow!” Eva said in surprise.

One day mother said, “Look Eva, you can see the baby moving in my tummy!” Eva's mother put her small hand on her tummy and she could feel the baby moving, it was really neat! Eva smiled, she was so happy. Later when she was playing house she stuck a pillow in her shirt and pretended she was going to have a baby too! Mother and Daddy just laughed.

Mother's friends gave Eva's mom a surprise party; they called it a “Baby Shower”. They didn't take a shower or anything, they just brought presents to the baby and had cake to eat and punch to drink. The baby got lots of pretty gifts.

Finally, the big day came and everyone was happy. Aunt Rose took Eva to the hospital so she could see the baby, but she could not see her mother because she was busy having the baby. When the baby was born Eva was able to look through a window to see it.

“It has a pink hat, that means it's a girl,” Eva said clapping her hands.

“Her name is Serena,” said daddy with a smile. “Do you like that name, Eva?”

Eva liked that name and she was going to love being a big sister.



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 - B. They were getting a puppy.
 - C. They were moving to a new home.
 - D. Eva was going to be a big sister.

2. Where was the baby growing?
 - A. In Mother's tummy.
 - B. In the hospital.
 - C. Under a cabbage patch.
 - D. It doesn't need to grow.

3. Why did Mother put Eva's hand on her tummy?
 - A. So she would know where Eva was.
 - B. Because her hands were cold.
 - C. So she could feel the baby move.
 - D. Because Eva's mom needed help.

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