

## A baby in Mommy's belly

### Party

"Cake!" Noa calls out.

"Happy Birthday to me!"

"Yes, Happy Birthday, Noa!" says Daddy.

Mommy looks very happy.

"We have something else to celebrate with you too!"

"You're going to have a baby brother or sister,"

Daddy says with a smile.

"The baby is still as small as the strawberry  
on your cake," says Mommy.

"But it'll grow and grow, and then  
you'll have a baby brother or sister."

Noa takes a little bite from the cake and thinks for a while.

"But how did the baby get there?" she asks.

"Well," says Mommy,  
"that's an interesting story."



## Eggs and sperm cells



eggs

sperm cells

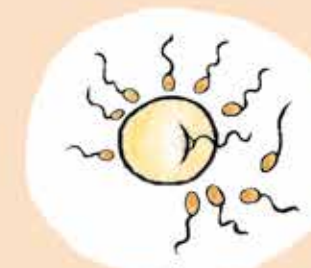
Eggs and sperm cells grow in the bodies of grown-ups. Eggs grow in a woman's ovaries. Sperm cells grow in a man's testicles. The eggs and sperm cells are so small that you can't see them.

When adults make love or have sex, lots of sperm cells from the man's testicles go up through the woman's vagina and into her body, where they try to find an egg. It's kind of like a treasure hunt!



### Only one sperm cell can win

When the winning sperm cell enters the egg, that creates a baby. The baby will grow inside a special place called the woman's uterus, or her womb. It takes a very long time. Because the little egg with the sperm cell in it is still so small, you can hardly see it. It has to grow for nine months to be big enough to be born!





## How do the sperm cells get into Mommy's belly

### *Operation*

"A baby is growing in my mommy's belly,"

Noa tells Luke as they play animal doctor.

"Mommy and Daddy were making love, and then  
Daddy put a sperm cell inside the egg in Mommy's belly.

That's why a baby is growing in there now."

Luke has to think about that.

"How did your dad put that sperm cell in your mom's belly?" he asks.

Noa and Luke look at Noa's doctor kit.

"Maybe through her belly button?"

"I think they had to operate," says Luke.

"Yeah," says Noa. "I bet she had an operation on her belly button,  
and that's how the baby got in there."



## Making a baby

When adults want to **make a baby**,  
it often begins with kissing.  
It feels good to **kiss** and **hug** each other tight.



Then they might go to their bedroom,  
where there's more room and it's **private**.  
The mommy and daddy take off their clothes  
and cuddle under the covers.



The daddy puts his penis inside the mommy's  
vagina. Then fluid with sperm cells travels out  
of the daddy's penis into the mommy's vagina  
and up into her uterus and ovaries to find an egg.