Passage: Elephants and Their Young

Elephants are among the most caring animals in the wild. When a calf is born, the herd immediately prepares a safe place. The mother stays close to her baby, while other elephants form a circle to guard against danger. This teamwork keeps the calf safe from predators such as lions or hyenas. Safety is always the first duty of the herd. Food is another important part of caring for the young. At first, the calf drinks milk from its mother. As it grows, older elephants teach it how to use its trunk to pull grass, pick leaves, and drink water. The herd travels together to find food and water, guiding the calf across rivers and through forests. Every elephant has a role—some protect, some teach, and some lead the way. By preparing a safe home, guarding the calf, and teaching it how to eat, elephants show the importance of family. Their love and teamwork help the calf grow strong and ready for life in the wild.

1. What do elephants do when a calf is born?

2. How does the herd keep the calf safe from danger?

3. What is the first food a calf receives?

4. What do older elephants teach the calf to use for eating?

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