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Meet a three-toed sloth

After spending hours looking for fruit to eat, a mother three-toed sloth is tired.

To rest, she hangs from a high tree branch with her baby clinging to her belly.

Soon, she and the baby will fall asleep.



mother

baby

What is a three-toed sloth?

A three-toed sloth is a small **mammal**.

It has thick brown fur.

Adult three-toed sloth size



It also has three claws on each front foot.

An adult weighs about ten pounds (4.5 kg).

A baby weighs just a half pound (0.2 kg).



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A three-toed sloth is born as its mother hangs upside down from a tree. After that, the baby clings to its mother's belly for nine months. At first, the baby drinks its mother's milk. Soon, however, the mother sloth shows the baby which leaves and fruit to eat. Look inside to discover how the slowest-moving mammal in the world grows up.

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