**Discussion Topics, Chapter 44, Caring for Birthing Parents and Newborns**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Mrs. Hurtle, an underwriter for an insurance company, is a divorced, single mom raising two children ages 3 and 4. Mrs. Hurtle is 7 months pregnant, and was admitted a month ago to the hospital because of vaginal bleeding. They were sent home to remain on complete bed rest for 2 months until their baby is ready to be delivered. Mrs. Hurtle’s two children have been sent to stay with their father who lives in another state. You are the home health aide assigned to care for them. Over the past several days, you notice they have not been eating very well, and they say they are not sleeping very well either. They also seem to have lost interest in the diversional activities they have enjoyed before. When you enter their room this morning to assist them with their personal cares, they seem very angry and scold you repeatedly for not doing things “right.” As you are working with them, they suddenly begin to cry.   1. What are some reasons why Mrs. Hurtle might be so angry and tearful? 2. How could you respond and be of assistance to them? | 3, 4 |
| 2. You are assigned to the neonatal nursery today. There are 10 newborns you are to care for. You must feed, obtain vital signs, and report any abnormalities to the nurse.   1. How will you obtain accurate vital signs on the newborns? 2. What abnormalities would you report to the nurse? 3. What safety measures will you use while bottle feeding the babies? 4. What security measures will you take to protect the babies to prevent abduction? | 8,11 |