

Anne

The Animated Series

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GUIDE  
EPISODE #21





## OH BROTHER - EPISODE #21

Felix and Felicity are driving one another crazy. A King family reunion is coming up, but the brother and sister just can't seem to get along. Anne enters the fray with the idealism of an only child and creates even more problems. In the end, however, both Felicity and Felix discover aspects and skills in the other that they never before realized or appreciated.

### **Learning Objective**

Family, brothers, sisters and sibling rivalry is such a big topic; a topic with no right or wrong answers. Talk about the many types of families as a way to encourage:

*Critical Thinking/Problem Solving Skill Development*

### **Talking About the Episode**

Encourage your children to use the show as a springboard to discuss their own family.

- Who can describe the hard part of being a brother or sister? Can you tell us what bugs you about your siblings?
- What about the very good things about a brother or sister. Who can tell us what their brothers and sisters do that make you happy?
- Talk about how each and every family is different. How families come in many different shapes and sizes. What makes Anne's family unique? (She's adopted).

### **A Family Graph**

This activity highlights the many different types of families using math! Provide children with patterns or paper that is cut to an appropriate size (to insure the graph represents some sense of uniformity). Have children create a figure for each member of their family. Encourage them to label each one: Mom, Grandma, my uncle, etc. Use large, butcher paper to create a wall sized graph with children's name along the bottom and the number of people in a family along the side.



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### **I'm the Big One Now**

How many children have experienced a new baby at home? Begin the activity with a story to spark their thinking. Have your children write a group story or draw a picture about what babies need: diapers, loving words, bottles, formula, baby clothes, cribs and toys.

### **Suggested Storybooks**

The following books deal with the topic of sibling rivalry.

- *The New Baby* by Fred Rogers, which can be order through Mister Rogers' Neighbourhood at (412) 687-1226.
- *Another Mouse to Feed* by Jose Aruego.

Your librarian should also be able to provide help in finding other stories about sharing and/or sibling rivalry