LJ & FAMILY · MINISTRY KIT · EPISODE 19

The Big Brother

A 20-minute lesson for Sunday school, VBS or midweek kids · 1 Corinthians 16:14 and Exodus 2:1–10

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AGES	4–10 (adaptations for 3–5 and 10–12 at the end)
YOU NEED	A screen for the episode · soft blocks or paper cups for towers · a small basket and a baby doll (optional) · crayons · the coloring page
EPISODE	Ep 19, The Big Brother (3:46) · youtu.be/yPFIDHWoxkA
MEMORY VERSE	"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14
BIBLE STORY	Miriam watches over baby Moses (Exodus 2:1–10)
THE ONE THING THEY TAKE HOME	Even when we feel left out, we are loved. Big brothers and big sisters show God's love by watching over little ones.

The class plan

MIN		WHAT HAPPENS
0–2	**Welcome**	Ask: "Have you ever felt left out? What happened?" Let a few children answer.
2–6	**Watch**	Show Ep 19, The Big Brother (3:46).
6–10	**Talk**	Three questions below. Let them answer before you do.
10–13	**Bible**	Tell the story of Miriam and baby Moses (Exodus 2:1–10).
13–18	**Activity**	Towers for little ones and a basket-boat watch (below).
18–20	**Pray**	Close with the episode prayer.

Talk about it (5 minutes)

1. Why did LJ stomp off to his room? Have you ever felt left out when a baby got all the attention?
LJ felt like nobody cared about him anymore. Help children see that feeling left out is normal, and that Mom and Dad still loved LJ just as much.

2. Little Dad's baby brother grabbed his finger and smiled. What changed in Little Dad's heart?
When Little Dad held his baby brother, his heart grew big and warm. Loving someone often starts with spending time with them.

3. Miriam watched over baby Moses. How can you show love to a little one this week?
Help children name real little ones: a baby sibling, a cousin, a younger child at church. A song or a smile is big love to a little one.

Open the Bible (4 minutes)

"Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:14 (WEB)

How to tell it

Set the scene: baby Moses' mother wanted to keep him safe. She made a little basket boat, tucked him inside and set it gently among the tall reeds by the river. Big sister Miriam hid in the tall grass nearby and watched. Pause and ask: how do you think Miriam felt, watching her baby brother? Then a kind princess came and found the baby. Miriam bravely stepped up: "Shall I go and find someone to care for him?" And she brought their own mother! Finish: Miriam watched over her little brother the whole time.

Going deeper with older kids

With older kids, read Exodus 2:1–10 together. What made Miriam brave? Why was it so special that she brought their own mother? Connect it to 1 Corinthians 16:14 and 1 John 4:7: love comes from God, and we show it by caring for the little ones around us.

Activity: Towers for little ones (4 minutes)

- In pairs, one child builds a soft tower and the other knocks it down. Then switch, laughing "Again!" like LJ and Amara.
- Basket-boat watch: put a baby doll in a small basket. Children take turns being Miriam, watching quietly until the "princess" comes.
- Talk about one way each child can be a great big brother, big sister or big friend to a little one.
- Optional: make a simple card for a baby or younger child in your church family.

A WORD OF CARE

Some children have a new baby at home and may have big feelings about it, and some have no siblings or have lost a sibling. Welcome every feeling, never shame a child for feeling jealous or left out, and remind every child that they are deeply loved.

Close in prayer (2 minutes)

Have the children fold their hands and repeat after you, one line at a time:

God, thank You for babies and little ones, and thank You for loving me too. When I feel left out, help me remember I am loved. Help me do everything in love, like Miriam watched over baby Moses. Amen.

Adaptations

Ages 3–5

Build and knock down towers together, rock a baby doll gently, then say the verse with a hug.

Ages 10–12

Do the Going Deeper section. Talk about including younger kids at church or school, and plan one way to help.

Large group

Do the towers in small groups with a leader in each. Take three answers to each question.

Short on time (10 minutes)

Watch from Nykira's secret (2), one question (2), tell Miriam's story (3), say the verse (2), pray (1).

A note for teachers

The heart of this lesson is that even when a little one gets lots of attention, we are still loved, and we can share that love. Children should leave knowing one simple way to show love to a little one this week.

Send the family guide home with every child so families can watch and talk about it together. It is free to print and share at ljandfamily.com.