Sometimes the hardest people to love are the people we live with. It may seem easy to love your best friend, but if you had to live with them every day that might change. When we live with people we know the good, the bad and the ugly about them.

Envy and strife create disorder. James 3:16 says, “For where there is envy and strife there is every evil work.” Have you ever been jealous of your brother or sister? Have you ever been in strife with your siblings? Strife is where there is lots of fighting and selfish ambition. Every family experiences these things from time to time; but if we are fighting all the time with our siblings, we need to recognize that we have let the enemy into our family.

The cure for envy and strife is to honor our brothers and sisters. Yes, I said honor. Honor your siblings like you honor your parents. The Bible even says to honor your brothers and sisters above yourselves.

What are some ways that we can honor our siblings?

- Let them ride shot gun
- Give them the bigger cookie
- Let them win the game sometimes
- Forgive them
- Buy them gifts
- Say kind words

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 12: 10, “Honor one another above yourselves.” (NIV)

TAKE HOME POINT: Honor your brothers and sisters above yourself.
# Love Your Brothers & Sisters

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TO THE TEACHER:

Goal: get the kids to laugh and introduce the lesson.

- At the conclusion of the Digital Comic Book, Johnny asks the question “What is the Bottom Line?” Words pop up one at a time. Encourage your kids to guess the Bottom Line as the words pop up.

- Next Commissioner Thornton asks the question “What is the Memory Verse?” Again words pop up one at a time.

- It is motivating to reward the first child to guess the Bottom Line and Memory Verse.
DRAMA

Detective Drake: “To Prefer Or Not To Prefer”

TAKE HOME POINT:
Love your brothers and sisters.

CHARACTERS:
Detective Drake

PROPS:
Detective Drake Costume
• Notepad and pen

DRAMA SCRIPT:

(Detective Drake enters)

DD: (Upset) This is it!

Teacher: What is “it”, Detective Drake?

DD: This case!

Teacher: And what is this case, exactly?

DD: My undoing! The one case I just can’t crack!

Teacher: Well, what is the case?

DD: There is this boy in Florida. His name is Caleb, and he just does the weirdest things!

Teacher: What sort of weird things?

DD: (Looks at his notepad) On Thursday, there was only one Popsicle left, and he let his sister Tiffany have it.

Teacher: It just sounds like he was being nice.

DD: I know. But it didn’t stop there! On Friday he let his brother David have the front seat when they went to soccer practice. And he didn’t even complain!

Teacher: That’s a good thing.

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DD: When I asked him why he did these things, he said it was because he preferred his brothers and sisters.

Teacher: That makes sense. We are supposed to love our brothers and sisters.

DD: I agree, but he didn’t say he loved them. He said he preferred them.

Teacher: I see…

DD: Then I started really thinking about preferring. I prefer chocolate ice cream to vanilla. That means I would rather have chocolate than vanilla.

Teacher: That’s a good way to look at.

DD: But what did he mean that he preferred his brothers and sisters? What does he prefer them to?

Teacher: I think he prefers them to… (Cut off)

DD: (Gasps) Does he prefer them to chocolate ice cream?

Teacher: Uh… Detective… (Cut off)

DD: Is he just being nice so that they won’t suspect it when he covers them in chocolate and eats them with sprinkles and a cherry on top?

Teacher: Caleb is not going to eat his siblings.

DD: How do you know? This child is like a criminal mastermind!

Teacher: I know he is not going to eat them because I know what he meant when he said that he prefers his brothers and sisters.

DD: What did he mean? (Gets ready to write the answer in his notebook)

Teacher: He meant that he preferred his brothers and sisters to himself.

DD: Of course he does! Who would want to eat themselves?

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Teacher: No, Detective Drake! No one is eating anyone!

DD: How can you be so sure?

Teacher: Because Caleb prefers his brothers and sisters over himself, meaning he prefers them having their way over getting his own way all the time.

DD: I can see him feeling that way about his friends, but his brothers and sisters? That’s not normal.

Teacher: The Bible teaches that we are supposed to be kindly affectionate to one another, in honor giving preference to one another.

DD: So you are saying that Caleb does not only love people, but he is also loving his brothers and sisters. AND he is showing that love by preferring them!

Teacher: Yes! It is very important that we love everyone…

DD: But it is also important to love our brothers and sisters with that same kind of love.

Teacher: That’s exactly right Detective Drake!

DD: This case is closed! Phew! That’s a relief that we solved that one. I still haven’t found a case that I couldn’t crack! Now I don’t have to quit being a detective.

Teacher: I’m glad you get to keep being a detective.

DD: Well, I have to go investigate a case of stolen candy in Ohio. Goodbye everyone.

Teacher: Goodbye, Detective Drake.

(Detective Drake Exits)

The End
OBJECT LESSON  

**Look Quickly, Don’t Finger and Select The Largest**

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Romans 12:10

**TAKE HOME POINT:** We can walk in Agape love with our brothers and sisters by honoring them above ourselves.

**WHAT YOU NEED:**
- 1 plate of M&M cookies (1 should be noticeably bigger than the others)
- Enough mini M&M cookies for everyone.

**OBJECT LESSON APPLICATION:**

(Pick up the plate of cookies.)

Have you ever found yourself in this situation, where the plate of cookies is being passed around the table? When I was a kid my grandma used to say, “Look quickly, don’t finger and select the largest.”

Wow! Look how big this one cookie is compared to all of the other cookies. Which one would you choose? I think most of us would choose the bigger cookie. The Bible tells us to honor one another above ourselves. If I choose to honor my brother or sister, I’m going to let them have the bigger cookie. Why should I do that? Because you are planting good seeds and what you do for others will be done for you.

Sometimes the people we live with can be the hardest to love, because we know the good, the bad and the ugly about them.

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**SPECIAL NOTES:**
- Make sure 1 cookie is significantly larger. The bigger the better. It will have the most dramatic effect.
Look Quickly, Don’t Finger & Select The Largest Object Lesson — continued

How do we walk in love with our brothers and sisters then? By honoring them above ourselves. Yes, I said honor your brothers and sisters just like you honor your parents.

What are some ways that we can honor our brothers and sisters?

• Let them ride shot gun
• Give them the bigger cookie
• Let them win the game sometimes
• Forgive them
• Buy them gifts
• Say kind words

The list is endless....
INTER-ACTIVE OBJECT LESSON

Who’s Going To Win?

WHAT YOU’LL LEARN:
When we fight with our siblings, we open the door to the enemy.

WHAT YOU NEED:
A complete game of Monopoly
4 Contestants (5th Graders)
(Designate a “Plant”. Speak to one Contestant ahead of time. All during the game they will start fights with the others and throw fits.)

INSTRUCTIONS:
• The 4 Contestants will play the game of Monopoly.
• They begin with opening the box and picking their game piece.
• The “Plant” starts right out by throwing a fit about the game piece someone else has that they want.
• They begin to play the game and after about 2 rounds the “Plant” flips the board because someone else bought the property they wanted.

SPIRITUAL APPLICATION:

Today we are going to watch a typical family play a very nice game of Monopoly.

(Have Contestants begin. When the fighting begins the Teacher can step in and add correction. After the game board is flipped, the Teacher decides it is time to stop playing because there is too much fighting.)

Has this ever happened when you played this game at your house? Is there someone in your family that has to win every game or they throw a fit and get upset? This is what the Bible calls strife. James 3:16 says, “For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.” One definition for strife is “selfish ambition.” If we have selfish ambition and are fighting with our siblings all the time, this is not good. We need to recognize that this opens the door to the enemy and every evil work. What is the cure? The cure is to honor one another. Maybe let your brother win sometimes. What are some other ways we can honor our brothers or sisters? (Allow children to respond. You may want to tell the class that the one Contestant that kept throwing the fit was “acting.”)
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DIGITAL REVIEW QUESTIONS

NEEDED: Review Prizes (penny candy for right answers)

TO THE TEACHER:
The Digital Review Questions are a part of “The Masked Hero” download.

Once you get to the Memory Verse, then PAUSE the video.

After you have done your teaching then PLAY the Digital Review Questions.

You can turn this into a Review Game by rewarding kids for correct answers.

1. Romans 12:10 says to ____.
   a. honor your father and mother
   b. honor one another above yourself
   c. honor the pink gorilla
   d. all of the above

2. Some of the hardest people to love are ____.
   a. Sponge Bob and Patrick
   b. the people I live with
   c. my friends at school
   d. the twelve disciples

3. How does the enemy get into our family?
   a. Strife
   b. Competition
   c. Selfishness
   d. All of the above

4. How do I honor my brothers and sisters?
   a. Give them the bigger cookie
   b. Let them ride shotgun
   c. Forgive and forget the past
   d. All of the above

5. If a man wants friends he should?
   a. Show himself friendly
   b. Play video games all day
   c. Watch lots of TV.
   d. Have a pity party
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PROP LIST (Props, supplies, costumes and characters)

_____ Participation Awards (Large candy bars or prizes)
      _____ How many needed?
_____ Review Prizes (penny candy)

Detective Drake: “To Prefer Or Not To Prefer” — Pages 4-6
Characters
_____ Detective Drake

Props (Detective Drake costume)
_____ Notepad and pen

Object Lesson: Look Quickly, Don’t Finger, And Select The Largest — Pages 7-8
_____ 1 plate of M&M cookies (1 should be noticeably bigger than the others)

Inter-Active Lesson: Who’s Going To Win? — Page 9
_____ Monopoly Game

Small Group Club: Sweet Or Sour Face
_____ 1 slice of lemon
_____ 1 slice of an orange
      _____ How many needed

Special Edition: Pastoring Your Kids
_____ How many needed

FEATURED CANDY THIS WEEK:
• Small M&M Cookies (We suggest if you have the resources to purchase enough cookies to give the children.)