

Lesson 35 - The Story of Dogger

Aims

To learn about siblings love through the story of Dogger

To learn that older should take care of younger and younger should listen to older

Materials

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“We learn to love each other” worksheet

scissors, coloured pencils

red hearts stickers

memory cards showing pictures of siblings love

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. Story & Discussion
3. Activities - worksheet, memory game
4. Review aims of lesson
5. Prayer

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1) Introduction

* Today’s lesson is about love between brothers and sisters. Ask the children about their brothers and sisters. What are their names? How old are they? Do they help you? Do you help them? Do you have fights? etc..

2) Story & Discussion

* Tell the story of DOGGER. It is about a little boy called Dave and his soft brown soft toy called Dogger and his big sister, Bella. He goes everywhere together his soft toy, all the time. But, one evening, just before bedtime, Dave discovers Dogger is lost. His whole family help to look for it but it cannot be found and Dave is very sad. The next day the family go to his sister’s school fair. At the fair Dave sees that his favourite toy for sale. By the time he brings his sister, Dogger has been bought by a little girl. Bella tries to explain to the girl that Dogger really belongs to Dave, but the girl refuses to give it . Finally, Bella decides to give the giant teddy bear she won at the fair in exchange for Dogger. The girl is very happy to exchange. This act of love and sacrifice solves the problem and Dave and Dogger are reunited once again.

* Discuss the story. Do you have a favourite toy? Have you ever lost something that is important to you? Tell about it. How did it feel? Did you cry? Were you very sad? Did you

ask someone to help? Did you find it? How did you feel when you found it? Did you thank person who helped find it?

- * How do you think Dave lost Dogger? If you were the girl would you exchange Dogger for a giant teddy bear? Why did Belle change her teddy bear? What did Dave do when he got Dogger back?
- * God wants brothers and sisters to love each other. Parents want brothers and sisters to love each other. The older shows their love by taking care of the younger. This is what Belle did for Dave. She really took care of Dave and he became so happy. When the younger listens to the older this is how to show love. Dave really listened to Belle and trusted her completely.
- * What can you do today to love your brother or sister? Friends are like brother and sister. What can you do today to love your friends? Look at the pictures of siblings and friends to get ideas

3) Activites

- * Complete the “We learn to love each other” worksheet. Children colour the picture, cut it out and stick it onto the big heart. They can colour in the title and decorate the picture with red hearts.
- * Play the siblings love memory game. When someone finds a pair ask what it shows about love between siblings. The person who collects the most pairs is the winner

4) Review the aims of the lesson

- * To learn about siblings love through the story of Dogger
- * To learn that older should take care of younger and younger should listen to older

5) Prayer

- * Say a prayer to thank God for your brothers and sisters. Ask God to help you to love your brothers and sisters this week.

Dogger

by Shirley Hughes

Once there was a soft brown toy called Dogger. One of his ears pointed upwards and the other flopped over. His fur was worn in places because he was quite old. He belonged to Dave. Dave was very fond of Dogger. He took him everywhere. Sometimes he gave him rides in a wagon. Sometimes he pulled him along on a leash made of string like a real dog. When it was cold he wrapped him up in a bit of blanket. Now and again Dave's Mom said that Dogger was getting much too dirty. She showed Dave how to wash him in a bowl of soapy water. Then they hung him up by his tail on the clothesline to dry.

Dave's baby brother, Joe, liked hard toys. He liked putting them in his mouth and biting on them, because he was getting teeth. Dave's big sister, Bella, took seven teddies to bed with her every night. She had to sleep right up against the wall to stop herself from falling out. But Dave liked only Dogger.

One afternoon Dave and Mom set out to collect Bella from school. Mom took Joe in the stroller and Dave took Dogger. Next to the school gate where the moms waited was a playground. Some men with ladders were putting up colored flags. Mom said that there was going to be a Summer Fair to get money to buy things for the school.

Dave pushed Dogger up against the railings to show him what was going on. Just then the children started to come out of school. An ice-cream van came around the corner playing a tune. Bella ran up with her satchel flying.

"Mom, can we have an ice cream?" Mom gave her the money for two cones. Joe didn't have a whole ice cream to himself because he was too dribbly. On the way home Dave walked beside the stroller giving Joe licks off his ice cream. Joe kicked his feet about and shouted for more in between licks.

At supper Dave was rather quiet. In the bath he was even quieter. At bedtime he said, "I want Dogger " But Dogger was nowhere to be found. Mother looked underneath bed. She looked behind the cupboard. She searched in the kitchen and underneath the stairs. Dave watched anxiously through the banisters. Joe watched through the bars of his crib. Bella joined in to look for Dogger. She turned out her own toy box in case he was in there, but he wasn't.

When Dad came home he looked for Dogger too. He searched in the shed and down the garden path with a flashlight. But Dogger was quite lost. Dave was very sad when he went to bed. Bella kindly lent him one of her teddies to go to sleep with, but it was not the same thing as Dogger. Dave kept waking up in the night and missing him.

The next day was Saturday and they all went to the School Summer Fair. The playground was full of stands and sideshows. There was a Fancy Dress Parade. Then there were games, with an Egg-and-Spoon Race, a Wheelbarrow Race and a Fathers' Race.

Bella was very good at races. She won the Three-Legged Race with her friend Barbara.

"Wouldn't you like to go in for a race?" they asked Dave. But Dave didn't feel like racing. He was missing Dogger too much.

Then another very exciting thing happened to Bella. She won first prize in a raffle! It was a huge yellow teddy bear, wearing a beautiful blue silk bow. He was almost as big as Dave. Dave didn't like that teddy at all. At that moment he didn't like Bella much either because she kept on winning things. He went off on his own to look at the stands.

One lady had a toy stand, full of knitted ducks and cars and baby dolls in bonnets. And there, at the very back, behind a lot of other toys, was - DOGGER! He was wearing a ticket saying "50¢."

There were a lot of people around the stand. Dave tried to explain to the lady that it was his Dogger, who had got lost and somehow been put on the stand by mistake, but she wasn't listening. He looked in his pocket. He had 10¢ but that wasn't enough. He ran to find Mom and Dad to ask them to buy Dogger back at once. Dave went everywhere in the crowd but he couldn't see Mom and Dad. He thought he was going to cry. At last he found Bella by the cakes. When she heard about Dogger, she and Dave ran back to the toy stand as fast as they could.

But something terrible had happened. Dogger had just been bought by a little girl! She was already walking off with him. Dave began to cry. Bella ran after her and tried to explain that Dogger really belonged to Dave, and could they please buy him back?

But the little girl said, "No "

She said that she had bought Dogger with her own money and she wanted him. She held on to him very tightly. Dave cried and cried. And the little girl started to cry too. But out of the corner of her eye she caught sight of Bella's big yellow teddy. She stopped crying and put out her hand to stroke his beautiful blue silk bow.

Then Bella did something very kind.

"Would you swap this teddy for my brother's dog?" she asked. Right away the little girl stopped crying and began to smile. She held out Dogger to Dave, took the big teddy instead, and went off with him in her arms.

Then Dave smiled too. He hugged Dogger and he hugged Bella around the waist.

"Thank you, Bella," he said .

That night Dave had Dogger in bed beside him. Bella was practicing somersaults.

"Will you miss that big teddy?" Dave asked her. "No," said Bella. "I didn't like him much really.

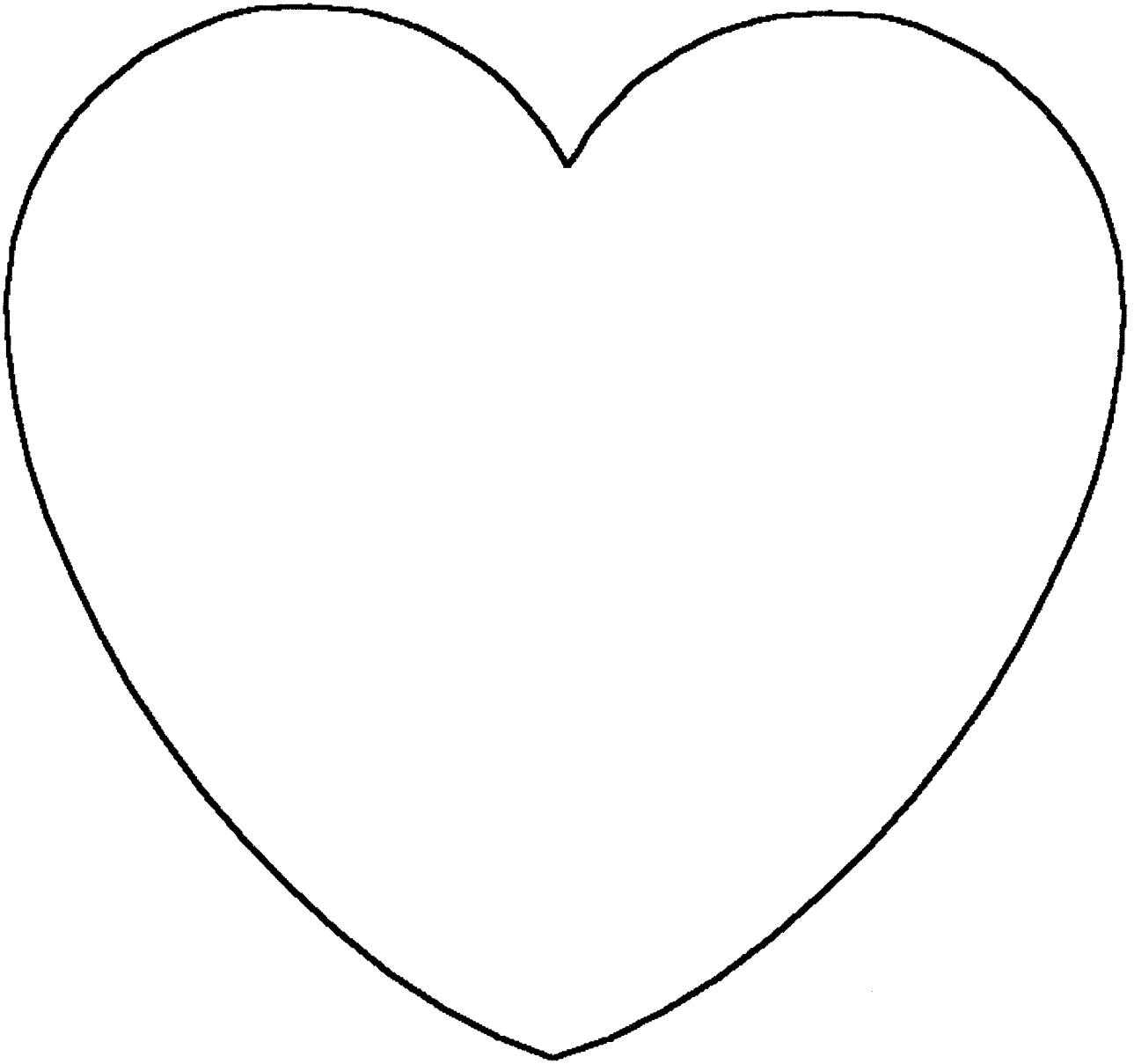
He was too big and his eyes were too staring. Anyway, if I had another teddy in my bed there wouldn't be room for me."



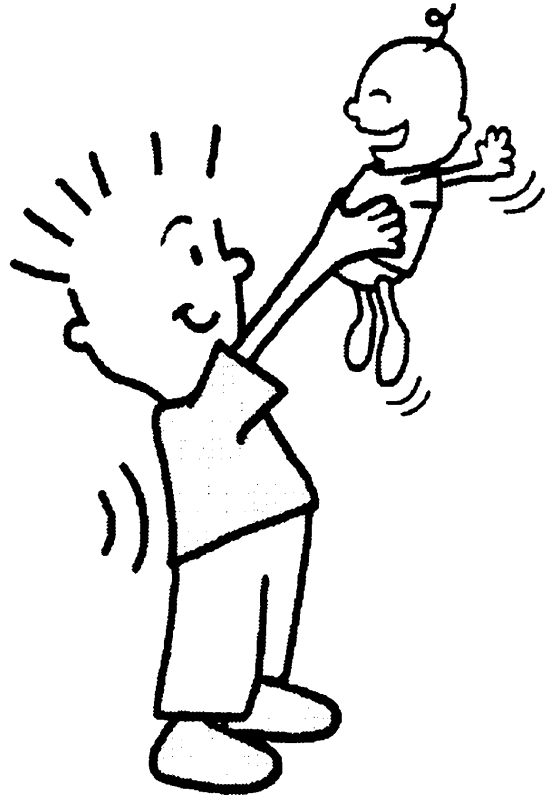


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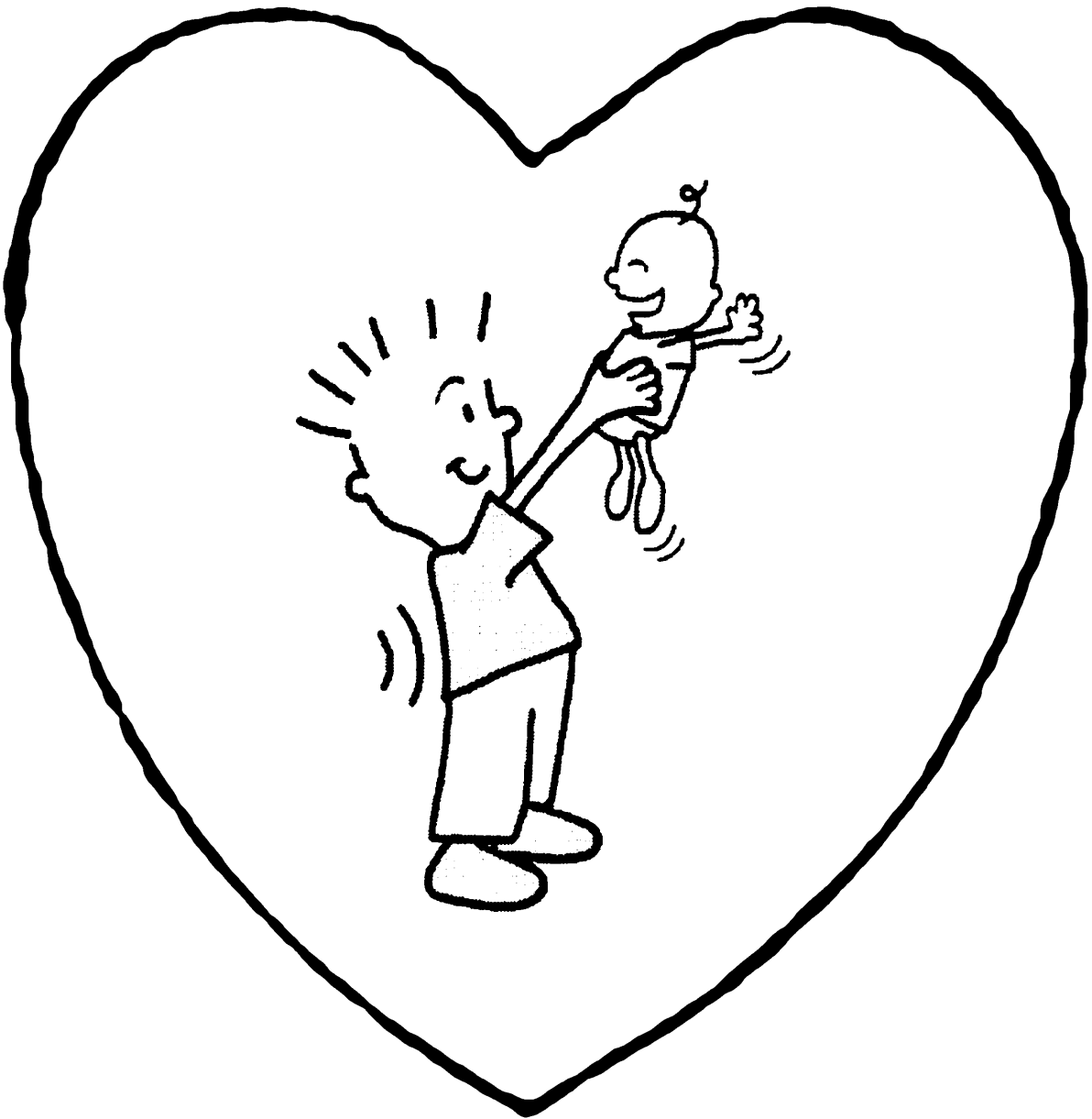
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