

# *She Come Bringing Me that Little Baby Girl*

## Reading Guide

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Themes: jealousy, adjusting to newborn sibling, family

Lesson/Notes: Kevin learns that despite his initial dislike of his newborn baby sister, being a big brother isn't so bad. And he is still very loved. *Babies need lots of attention and care. It's normal to feel a little jealous when there is a new baby at home, but there are many fun things about having a younger brother or sister. It is good to show you care about your family.*

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### Discussion Questions

- *How did Kevin feel about his new baby sister at first? (jealous, uncomfortable, dislike, sick, etc.)*
- *How did Kevin feel about his new baby sister at the end? (protective, happy, caring, etc.)*
- *What helped Kevin feel better about the baby?*
- *What might be hard about having a new brother or sister?*
- *What might be fun about having a new brother or sister?*

### Activity: Care for Baby

Supplies: baby doll, blanket, bottle, adhesive bandages, toy crib

- Give child an opportunity to play with a baby doll.
- Encourage child to practice being gentle with the baby, wrapping him/her up with the blanket, putting a bandage on the baby's arm if it's hurt, placing him/her in the crib, singing a lullaby, etc.
- Try not to react strongly if child is uncooperative and/or hurtful to baby doll. (S)he may be processing feelings through play. You can set boundaries by saying something simple and direct (e.g. "That's not how we treat babies or toys.").