

Brothers and Sisters

by Rob Lewis

Brothers and sisters can have a close but tricky relationship and that bond is beautifully and delightfully conveyed throughout this detailed picture book.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow that with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *What are some fun things you like to do with your sibling(s)?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder why the little girl rabbit is smiling and why her brother is not smiling?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end. Point out "rare words" (e.g., those words that are not commonly used in every day conversation) and help the children relate the meaning in a way that makes sense to them.

Rare Words in *Brothers and Sisters*

- tricks: a prank, joke or mischievous action
- scribbling: write or draw messily
- brave: having or showing courage

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What were some things that brother did that upset his sister?
- What were some things that sister did that upset her brother?
- What were some good things that the siblings did together?

Do

My Sibling's Portrait

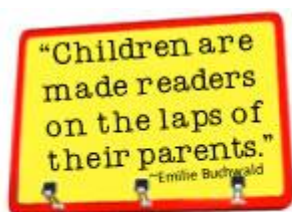
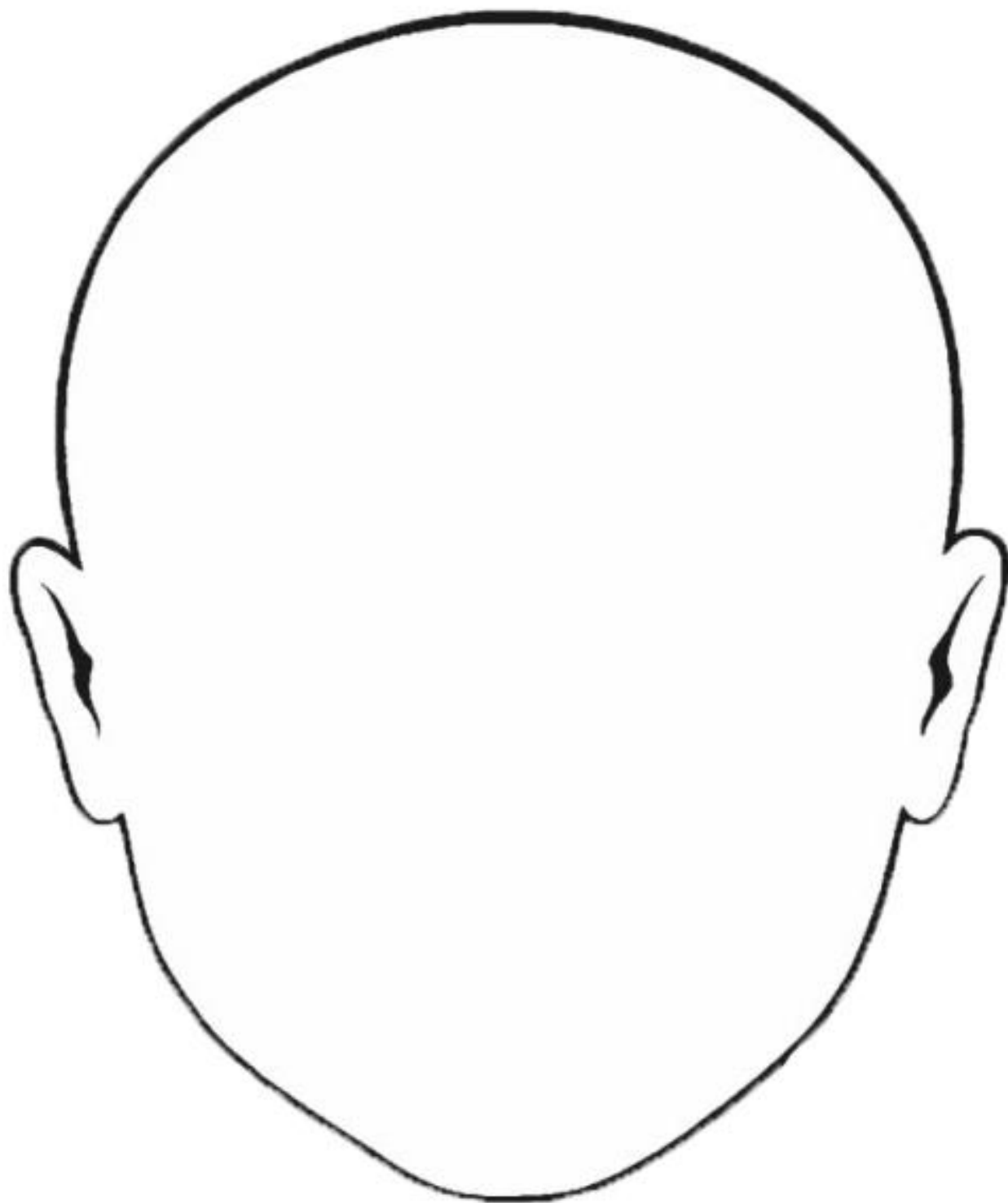
After reading the story, talk about the different family members in each child's life. Hand out the *My Sibling's Portrait* sheet and allow the children enough time to draw a picture of their brother or sister. If a child has more than one sibling, allow them enough time to draw all his/her brothers and/or sisters. If you have an only child in the class, they can draw a picture of a cousin, aunt/uncle or of a favorite person in their family that they like to do things with.

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