### SIBLING WARS

# CLASSROOM GUIDE



36 Pages, Approx 900 words

#### **Genre:**

Action Adventure, Fairytale Retelling Rhyming verse

### **Age Level:**

Read aloud. Most suited for ages 6 - 8

### **NZ Standards:**

To be completed.

#### Information about the book:

- Fairytale Fraud Well-being Series
- Author: Katie Pye
- Illustrator: Anastasia Belik
- Publisher: HeadStart Thinking

#### **Overview:**

Hansel and Gretel just won't stop fighting. But when they run into the witch in the wood, the squabbling siblings must team up to escape.

A fun retelling of Hansel and Gretel with 'Behind the Scenes' material that encourages children to stop fighting!

### **Conflict Vocabulary**

- Conflict
- Strife
- Squabbling
- Jeer

- Time out
- Pestering
- Quarrelsome

### Other new concepts/words

- Famine
- Jabbered
- Hoarse
- Gorse and thicket

### **Additional Material**

Sibling Wars has 'Behind the Scenes' material in the back of the book with story questions, action ideas, key points, and memory mottos.

The Fairytale Fraud website also includes:

- Gretel's Fairytale Journal
- Hansel and Gretel's Relationship Rules
- Hansels Top Tips for Managing Anger
- Additional questions

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### **GETTING READY TO READ**

## 1. Introduce the concept and vocabulary:

- What do you think conflict means?
- Do you think conflict is bad?
- What do you think a fraud is?

## 2. Connect children's past experience with the book

- What do you know about the traditional *Hansel and Gretel* story?
- Look at the title. What do you think the story might be about?
- Read the copy. What do you think might happen?

## 3. Be aware of the following text features:

- The book is in rhyming verse.
- New vocabulary words are introduced - see the list above



### **READING THE BOOK**

### **Story questions:**

- What was home life like for Hansel and Gretel and their parents?
- How did Hansel and Gretel end up in the woods?
- What caused the witch's confusion?
- How do you think Gretel felt when she was trapped inside the house? What do you think Hansel felt about her being trapped there?
- What were the things that helped Gretel escape?
- Can you imagine eating a wall of gingerbread? Would you like that?
- Do you feel sorry for the witch why? why not?
- What do you think Hansel and Gretel told their parents about their adventures?

### **Notice emotions:**

A number of emotions have been woven into the story. See how many emotions students can find.

Answer: anger, frustration, contempt, delight, confusion, fear, guilt, worry, alarm, nervousness, relief, loneliness, glee, gratitude.

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### **HEALTHY CONFLICT**

- Practice noticing notice what causes you to get upset or angry. Discuss as a class fighting words and behaviour and friendly words and behaviour
- Class rules Create relationship rules as individuals and/or agree class rules for how you will treat each other.
- Discuss anger management techniques - see the Fairytale Fraud website for Hansel's Top Tips for Managing Anger.
- Communicating well discuss different verbal and non verbal ways of communicating how you feel.
- Resolving conflict discuss what a healthy resolution process might look like when there is a conflict.

• Encourage ourselves - create our own memory mottos about



### **MUSIC**

 Talk about music and how it can affect people's moods. Play calming music and lie back and listen to it. Consider other ways for calming down.

### **WRITING**

- Write a letter of apology between Hansel to Gretel. What makes for a good apology and what makes for a bad one?
- What happens next for different characters the witch? Hansel and Gretel? The goose?
- Write a guide for fighting less for the witch's parenting course!
- Create relationship rules as individuals or for the class.

### **MATH**

• Do age appropriate math themed around the value of the golden egg.

### **ART**

 Create a poster with relationship rules on it or a conflict resolution process for the class.

### **SCIENCE**

- Discuss what conflict does to our brain and body.
- Make gingerbread!

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