

double knit

(PRODUCTION NOTES)

Characters: (in order of appearance)

(Smaller cast: Characters may double)

Narrator (s) – could be people otherwise cast as characters

Game Show Host – ala 70's game show

Jacob – the younger twin brother; cunning, tricky, smooth-talking

Esau – the older twin brother; athletic, not-so-smart, big eater

Leah – the older, not-so-pretty sister (add unbecoming wig and glasses)

Rachel – the younger, beautiful sister

Joseph – bummed out about how his brothers treat him

Support group leader – nurturing, but in control, in a pop psychology sense

Support group members – some are paranoid, some have other kinds of phobias

Moses – just a normal kid, with a slight lisp

Miriam – older sister with an attitude

Mom – peace maker

Aaron - smarter, articulate brother

Martha – a do-er

Andrew – a tattle-telling brother

Set:

Stage right and center stage can be neutral, changeable areas. Narrators can speak from either place while set pieces and movement happens at the other.

Stage left should be set as a 70's living room complete with retro couch and chair, lava lamp or other retro accent; afghans, throw pillows, etc. from the period

Costumes:

70's, double knit, that fit the character.

Music sources:

- "We Are Family" (Sister Sledge)– Pure Disco 2 –©1997 PolyGram Records
 "Family Feud" Theme, "The Dating Game" Theme, "The Newlywed Game"– Classic TV Game Show Themes ©1998 Varese Sarabande Records
 "Leave It To Beaver" Theme – TV Guide 50 All-Time Favorite TV Themes ©2002 TVT Records
 "Fortunate Son" (Creedence Clearwater Revival) "Let's Get Together" (The Youngbloods)– Forrest Gump, the Soundtrack ©1994 Paramount Pictures
 "Dream Weaver"(Gary Wright) – Rhino Instant Party ©2001 Rhino Entertainment Company
 "Pharaoh, Pharaoh" – All the Best Songs For Youth - ©1996 Pilot Point Music – LILLENAS PUBLISHING COMPANY
 "Walton's Theme" – 100 Greatest TV Themes - ©2002 Silva Screen Records
 "We Can Work It Out", "All You Need Is Love" (The Beatles) – One ©2000EMI

Video/visual effects

Using Power Point and/or video, here are some graphic and video shot ideas for this presentation:

- Double Knit logo – retro fonts can be found at www.themeworld.com
- Your cast in "Brady Bunch" grid/ "Brady Bunch" on stairs
- Your cast doing the "Hey, Hey, We're the Monkees" walk or disco moves
- Logos from game shows – Family Feud, Dating Game, Newlywed Game – can be found on internet by searching for fan sites
- The Walton's House, The Cleaver's House – can be found on internet by searching for fan sites
- Scripture references
- Double Knit definitions:

① DOUBLE KNIT **duh' bEl nIt** - A fabric knitted together with two sets of needles so that a double thickness of fabric is produced in which the two sides of the fabric are interlocked.

② DOUBLE KNIT **duh' bEl nIt**– A body, knit together by the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ, which produces unity, peace, harmony, and love.

(SCRIPT)
PROLOGUE

INTRO: "WE ARE FAMILY"

(Graphic ideas: Photos or video of your cast in Brady Bunch grid, in disco pose or in "Monkees" walk) (*Fade music*)

NARRATOR #1

Family. That's what we're here to talk about tonight.

NARRATOR #2

There are lots of kinds of families these days. Nuclear families, extended families, blended families, adopted families. All knit together in one way or another.

NARRATOR #1

However, since the beginning of time, families have had their differences.

NARRATOR #2

That's for sure. Even in the Bible there were certain brothers and sisters...siblings...who didn't get along at all. Their family theme was more like...this.

"FAMILY FEUD" theme

Graphic idea: "Family Feud" logo

(*over music*)

HOST

Let's play The Feud

Here's Cain, Rachel, Moses, Mary...
...against Abel, Leah, Miriam, Martha.

NARRATOR #2

See sibling rivalry is as old as time.

NARRATOR #1

Oh yeah. For instance, remember these guys?

Underscore: "LEAVE IT TO BEAVER THEME"

Graphic idea: Your Jacob and Esau walking along street or graphic that says, "Leave It To Jacob", ala opening to the TV show)

(*over music*)

NARRATOR #2

Jacob and Esau

NARRATOR #1

They were brothers, twins actually, who were as different as night and day.

SCENE 1

(Scene opens with Esau sitting on couch. Enter Jacob singing)

JACOB

(singing) Father Abraham had many sons, many sons had Father Abraham, I am one of them...but you are not.

ESAU

Hey, cut it out, Jacob. Dad doesn't like it when you sing that song...especially when Grandpa's around.

JACOB

You're just jealous.

ESAU

Jealous of what?

JACOB

Jealous 'cause Mom likes me best.

ESAU

Yeah, that's what makes you a...mama's boy.

JACOB

Well, at least I'm not a Bohemian Gorilla.

ESAU

I am not a...a...Bohem...whatever you said.

JACOB

You don't even know what a Bohemian is.

ESAU

No, but whatever it is, it's not as bad as.... Mama's Boy!

JACOB

Just 'cause you're five minutes older doesn't mean you're the boss of me.

ESAU

Oh, yes it does, bro. I get the family inheritance and our father's blessing.

JACOB

So?

(Jacob continues to barter for the meal for the inheritance and blessing)

SCENE 2

(Scene opens with Host introducing the bachelorettes, Leah and Rachel who have their backs to the audience or are in darkness until her name is called)

HOST

It's the Dating Game. Let's meet our two bachelorettes. First, Leah the older sister. She can cook, make her own clothes and has a great personality. Next, Rachel, the younger sister. She is the pretty one who can have any man she wants.

And now let's meet our eligible bachelor, Jacob, son of Isaac.

JACOB

Bachelorette #1. If you were a flower, would I want you in a bouquet for my desk?

LEAH

Definitely. You know, I'm often referred to as a flower...a wallflower, And some say I have a wild aroma!

JACOB

Thanks. Bachelorette #2, if you were a statue what would you be made of?

RACHEL

Pure marble. Flawless, beautiful, smooth...chiseled to look like a goddess.

JACOB

Thank you I get the picture. Bachelorette #1, Complete the poem. Roses are red, violets are blue, sugar is sweet...

LEAH

...I never use shampoo. It dries out my hair.

JACOB

I see. Bachelorette #2, if we went for a long walk, where would we go?

RACHEL

Into the sunset. Just me and you...hand-in-hand...together.

JACOB

Wow.

HOST

And now, Jacob, which Bachelorette will it be? Number one ...or number two.

(Jacob is tricked into marrying Leah)

SCENE 3

(Scene opens with characters sitting around in a circle as in a support/therapy group)

LEADER

Welcome, everybody to the Sibling Rivalry Support Group. Let's all relax now. Nothing to be afraid of. Breathe out. Breathe in. Good. Now, let's start our share time, shall we? Let's start with you.

JOSEPH

Me?

LEADER

Yes, you.

JOSEPH

But....

LEADER

Come on. Don't be shy.

JOSEPH

Okay. *(standing)* Hi. My name is Joseph.

MEMBERS

(in unison) Hi, Joseph.

LEADER

Now Joseph. Why don't you tell us your story?

JOSEPH

Okay. Well, I'm here because...it's my brothers.

MEMBERS

Oh...

LEADER

Tell us about your brothers, Joseph.

JOSEPH

They hate me!

LEADER

Now, now. It can't be that bad.

SCENE 4

MOSES

(Enters singing Pharaoh, Pharaoh...)

MIRIAM

Moses, I should have left you hidden in the bull rushes when I had the chance.

MOSES

Mom, Miriam said it again.

(enter Mom)

MOM

Now, Moses and Miriam. Why can't you two get along?

MIRIAM

Moses is always in my room. He just stands there in front of my aquarium trying to part the water. He's so weird.

(enter Aaron waving his report card)

AARON

Hey! I just got my report card. See, mom. All A's. An A+ in public speaking.

MOM

Oh, that's nice Aaron. Moses, see how good your brother did in public speaking.

MOSES

Uh huh.

MOM

I must show your father. *(exits)*

MIRIAM

(to Aaron) Punk!

AARON

You're just jealous 'cause they don't let girls in public speaking classes.

MIRIAM

(sticking out her tongue) Nyah!

MOSES

(singing) Pharaoh, Pharaoh, oh baby let my people go...

EPILOGUE

NARRATOR #1

Then... in the New Testament there were sisters named Mary and Martha who obviously had some issues.

(Martha appears with a broom)

MARTHA

Mom, Mary, never helps around the house.

NARRATOR #2

And the two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew.

ANDREW

Mom, Pete's telling everybody that one day he's gonna walk on water.

NARRATOR #1

Jealousy, greed, self-interest. All of these things have plagued us since Eden. And they're still happening...in the Family of God.

NARRATOR #2

Sisters and brothers jealous of the other's position of leadership, greedy for power, or just wanting to have their own way.

(underscoring:" WALTON'S THEME")

Graphic idea: Picture of Walton's House with callout graphics coming out of the windows that say, "Good night, Jacob...Good night, Esau...Good night, Moses...Good night, Aaron; Good night, everybody"

NARRATOR #1

We're not talking about perfect families.

ESAU: Good night, Jacob.

JACOB: Good night, Esau.

AARON: Good night, Moses.

MOSES: Good night, Aaron.

MIRIAM: Good night, everybody.

NARRATOR #2

'Cause there's no such thing.