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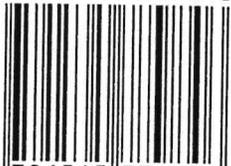
**Phonetic Concepts Practiced**

er (her, better)  
 igh (right, high)

**Nondecodable Sight Words Introduced**

another  
 brother  
 mother  
 only  
 other

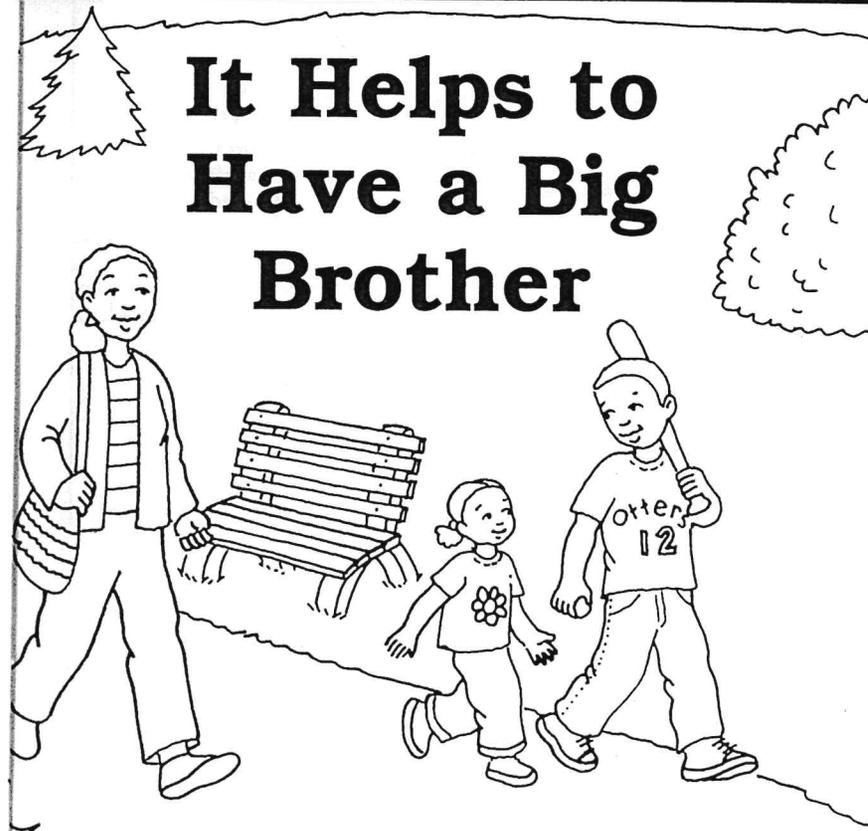
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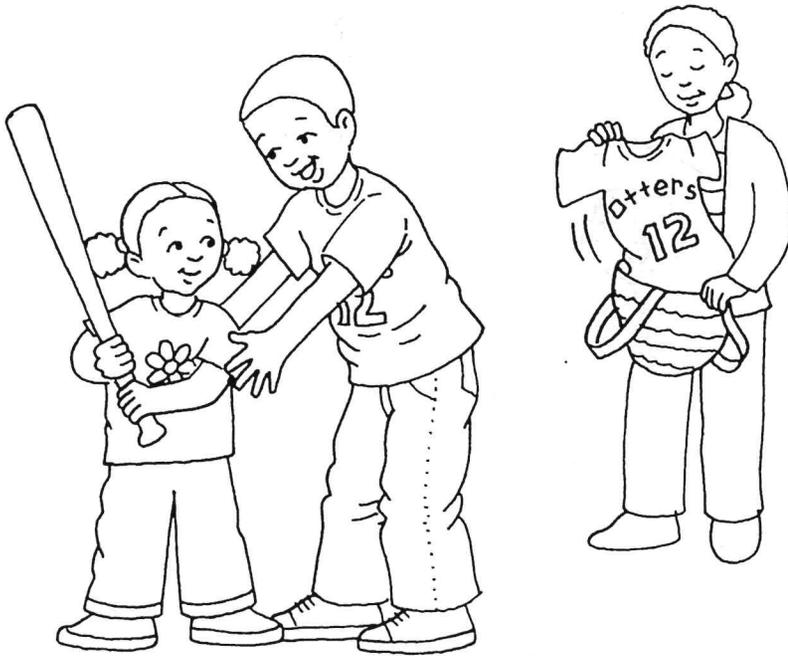
# It Helps to Have a Big Brother



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"I'm your big brother,"  
said Lester. "I can do lots of  
things you can't. But I can  
help you."



"Here's my other top," said  
Lester. "It has numbers and  
letters on it. But it is not the  
right size."



Lester gave her the light bat. "Put your right hand here," he said. "Put your left hand under it."



"I'm going to toss it," said Lester. "Swing the bat after that."

Fern wanted to try.





“You might miss it,” he said. “But I’ll just toss another one to you. You’ll get better and better.”



Lester tossed the ball.  
Bam! It went high, high,  
high!



“Good job!” said their mother. “Only a big brother could make that happen.”  
Lester gave Fern a high five.

**The End**

### Understanding the Story

Questions are to be read aloud by a teacher or parent.

1. What is the story about?
2. What are the children's names?
3. What is printed on Lester's baseball shirt?
4. How does Fern surprise everyone?

Answers: 1. Possible answer: a big brother who shows his little sister how to hit a ball with a bat 2. Lester and Fern 3. Possible answers: numbers and letters: the number 12 and the name Lester 4. Possible answer: by hitting the ball way up high

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