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a motion picture on family relations

CONTENT

Karen, age seven, doesn't want to take care of her small brother Allen, even after Mother asks her to help. When Karen ignores Allen, he gets into mischief and she realizes that she has not done her job. Gradually they begin to play together, and she finds that helping can be fun. Karen discovers that the nicer she is to her brother, the nicer he is to her.

USES

ALLEN IS MY BROTHER will stimulate discussion of family life among primary school children. It presents a concrete brother-sister problem which most children will find familiar from their own experiences. The film suggests a healthy attitude toward being a part of the family, and will help children to understand some of their own problems with younger brothers and sisters. The concept is developed that tasks are not always enjoyable but may be important.

FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND ADULTS the film illustrates typical behavior of three, and seven-year-old children. It also shows a mother who controls her children, while allowing them freedom to learn from their own experiences.

SUGGESTED DISCUSSION

- Do you have a little brother or sister? What do you do to help take care of him?
- How do you think Karen felt about staying with her brother?
- How did Karen feel when Allen let her use his airplane?
- What do you think Karen learned from this day with Allen? What did she learn about how little children act?
- How do you think you might feel the next time you are asked to stay with your little brother or sister? What things would you do?

ADULT DISCUSSION

- Why didn't the mother stop Allen when Karen let him water the clothes?
- Why did the mother feel it was important for Karen to understand why she had to take care of Allen?

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