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SHARING LOVED ONES

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How would you react if your partner arrived home one day with another adult and said, 'I'd like you to meet Chris, who is coming to live with us. I love you both. It will be great for you. We'll all be good friends, one big happy family.' Convincing?

This is how it may feel to a first child when a sibling arrives. The time and attention of the two most special people in the world must be shared—with someone who makes a lot of noise, wakes people up at night, demands a lot of attention and can't do much else. So much for all the talk beforehand about great it will be to have a new playmate! To make matters worse, people shower the new family member with attention and gifts. That first child needs extra attention and to be treated as special too!

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