

BABY, BABY

Note: Puppets can be very effective with this age group and may be used instead of actors. A teacher may carry on a conversation with a puppet as the other character if two actors are not available.

[Beth enters.]

Scooter: [storms in angrily] Huey did it again!

Beth: Your baby brother? What did he do?

Scooter: He ripped up my best picture of a racecar.

Beth: Oh, sorry, Scooter.

Scooter: I don't like babies.

Beth: What? How can you not like babies? They are so CUTE!

Scooter: Huey just slobbers on things, makes a mess when he eats, and rips up pictures!

Beth: What do you LIKE about Huey?

Scooter: I can't think of anything ...

Beth: I'm sure you can. Think harder.

Scooter: Well, he does have this funny little smile with no teeth.

Beth: There you go!

Scooter: And sometimes when I do the chicken dance, he laughs and laughs and laughs. [Scooter demonstrates chicken dance.]

Beth: That is so cute!

Scooter: And when I pick him up, he gives me a baby bear hug and won't let go. [pauses] I guess I do like babies.

Beth: I knew it! You know something REALLY cool?

Scooter: What?

Beth: God sent his Son Jesus to earth as a baby—a slobbery, grinning, crying, laughing, little baby.

Scooter: That's weird. Why did God send Jesus to earth as a baby?

Beth: So he could grow up and know what it was like to be a human. He even had a baby brother!

Scooter: He did?! That's amazing.

Beth: But the most important reason he came was to be our Savior.

Scooter: Wow! Jesus must have loved us a lot to come to earth as a baby. I guess babies aren't so bad after all.

Beth: And remember, when you're having a hard time being patient with your baby brother, Jesus knows how you feel!

[Both laugh and exit.]