

## **I'll Always Be Older Than You**

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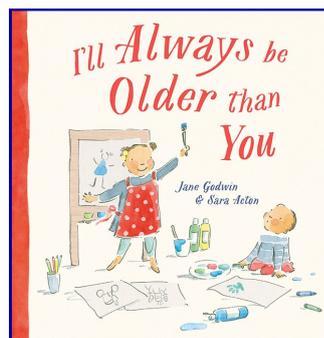
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I'll teach you to peel bananas,  
eat ice-cream in a cone.

It's lucky you've got me –  
I had to learn this on my own.

A big sister marvels at how she will always be older than her baby brother, no matter how much he grows.

A celebration of the bond between siblings from acclaimed author Jane Godwin, with glorious illustrations from Sara Acton.



Teacher Notes have been based on those supplied by the publisher. A full version is available on our website.

### **Themes:**

- Sibling relationships
- Patience
- Protection
- Family
- Time

### **Discussion Questions after reading:**

- Discuss if anyone has siblings. Do they feel this way about their siblings? What lessons can they take from this story about being a good sibling?
- The dad in the story tells his daughter to be patient. Why is being patient important?
- Do you think the girl is a good sister?
- What sorts of colours are used in the book? Would you describe them as strong, or more neutral? How does this affect the tone of the book?
- The girl is shown helping her mother doing the shopping. Why is helping people important?
- Why do you think the girl is willing to do all these things for her brother?
- How do you think the illustrations change or improve the story? Is it important to be able to picture stories when you're reading them?

### **Activities:**

- The girl says she'll read her brother all her favourite stories. What are some of your favourite stories? Make a list and share it with the class.
- The girl thinks of all the things she's going to teach her brother when he's older. What would you teach people who are younger than you? (Extension: try to write these out in rhyme like they do in the book.)
- Discuss how students can help other people in their lives the way the girl wants to help her brother. Make a list of things everyone in the class can do to help each other.