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Using this book in your classroom

Quick summary

Nicholas's baby brother Cheese is famous – or at least, his bottom is! Cheese's bottom is the star of a very popular series of ads for Dumper Disposable Nappies. Now Cheese and the whole family are going on tour in an amazing tour bus, to publicise the nappies. Nicholas is delighted - especially since they get to stay in some very posh hotels along the way.

But soon after the tour starts, the tour bus, with Nicholas' entire family on board, gets hijacked by activists from the Natural Nappy Freedom Front dressed as giant babies! What's Nicholas going to do? With a bit of help from his resourceful Granny, her motor-bike-riding husband Lancelot and the family's pet goat, Nicholas tracks down his family and saves the day!

Story themes

This hilarious story looks at family relationships, and also sheds light on environmental issues connected with disposable nappies.

The story session

1. Introducing the story

Show the book cover to the children, and read the blurb aloud. What kind of story do the children think this will be, and why? Share their ideas.

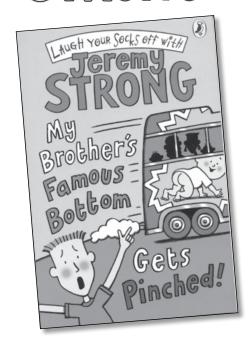
- 2. Reading the story
- Read Chapter 1 to the children (pages 1-13). Which part did the children think was funniest, and why?
- What do the children think is going to happen next for Nicholas?
- Read Chapter 2 (pages 14-29), and revisit the children's predictions. Were they right? What are their predictions for the rest of the story?
- 3. Follow-up
- Ask the children how they would feel if a brother or sister got to go on TV. Would they be pleased, or would they feel a bit jealous?
- In pairs, ask the children to pick one of the characters in the story and create a character profile for them, with a picture and a written description.

Did You Know?

- Jeremy Strong's cat, Jeeves, likes to help with his writing by sleeping in his chair and guarding the paper in the printer.
- Jeremy was first inspired to write by a wonderful teacher at his primary school, Miss Cox.



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