

Passion For Teaching and Learning

Grade 1: The Brownie Dilemma

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SPEAKER 1: I have something that I need your help with, and you've done an amazing job helping me all year when things have sort of cropped up with my two boys, Michael and Charlie, right? You help me solve things? So, you're really going to like this one. Okay, so, it was Father's Day on the weekend and we went over to my sister's house. Okay? And because that way my sister and I, we could visit with our dad, which is Michael and Charlie's grandfather, right? Well, I have to tell you, there was lots of good food. You know, when you get to gather with your family, is there's lots of good food? Lots of good stuff to eat?

CLASS: Yeah.

SPEAKER 1: Okay. So, my mom, grandma, she made brownies. Right? And, like, these are world-famous brownies. These are really good brownies. And, you know, you need to appreciate, like, a brownie, right? Yum, right?

CLASS: Yum.

SPEAKER 1: Okay. Now, is, here's what happened. So, dinner's done. All of that. And there's this tray of brownies, and what I have to tell you, though, is so there's Michael and Charlie, and Michael and Charlie have two cousins. These are my sister's kids, Drew and Nora. So, there's the four kids. Okay? So, let's see who they were again. Okay, so, it was Michael and Charlie, Drew and Nora. Four kids. Now, what you need to know is there were 10 brownies, and Michael loves desserts, so he said to grandma, "Grandma, can we have all the brownies? All 10 of them, as long as we promise to share them equally? As long as everybody gets a fair share."

SPEAKER 2: So, we're going to make it equal?

SPEAKER 1: Yeah. Okay, so, you're already guessing what I'm going to ask you to do, right? So, here's what cropped up. I started to wonder. My mom started to wonder. Can they share these brownies? Can they have all 10 brownies? So, here's your question, right? Can you share 10 brownies with four kids? And this is what I'm going to get you to tackle this morning. Now, you might already have some ideas, but I'm going to get you to keep your ideas to yourself for a sec, okay?

SPEAKER 3: Is this a independent work?

SPEAKER 1: No. I'm going to get you to work with a partner. I've got a big piece of paper for you, and a marker, and you and your partner are going to have time to go off and figure this out. Can you share 10 brownies with four kids? 'Cause you got to find out if Michael, Charlie, Drew, and Nora were able to share that tray. Let me get you together with your partner. Get you your big piece of paper. You can go off wherever you want. Whatever table group you want to work at. Have I got you still? Whatever table group you want to work at. And you're going to work through this question. Can you share 10 brownies with four kids?