



Discussion Questions for *Kinda Like Brothers* by Coe Booth

Jarrett's mom often took care of foster babies who needed help. But this time it's different. This time the baby who needs help has an older brother—a kid Jarrett's age named Kevon. Jarrett doesn't think it's fair that he has to share his room, his friends, and his life with some stranger. He's gotta do something about it—but what?

1. Why is Jarrett unhappy about Kevon's arrival? How do you think you would feel if you were Jarrett?
2. Why do you think Jarrett chooses not to get too close to the foster babies?
3. How does Quasim feel when the police officer searches him? How does it make Jarrett feel?
4. Jarrett doesn't enjoy his reading assignments for school and wishes he could read more interesting books. What are some of your favorite books? What books would you recommend Jarrett read?
5. Ennis reveals a secret to Jarrett. How does Jarrett react? How do you think kids at your school would react?
6. Jarrett is angry with himself for giving up on the test. Think of a time you gave up on something. If you could go back in time, would you do it differently? Explain.
7. Do you think Jarrett should have been honest with Kevon about interfering with his father? Why or why not?
8. How are Jarrett and Kevon like brothers? Compare their relationship to your own relationship with a sibling, cousin, or good friend.
9. How is Jarrett's relationship with his mother strengthened after Kevon and Treasure enter their lives?
10. Why are the step routine and the movie so important to Jarrett? What hobbies are important to you?