



**Big Brothers Big Sisters**

## **Tangram Puzzles**

The exact origin of the Tangram is unknown, though it is believed to have originated in China more than 4,000 years ago. There are many interesting stories as to how it came about. One such story claims that a large pane of glass was ordered by a king. When the large, perfect square glass frame was in transit to the king's castle it was dropped and surprisingly it had not shattered into thousands of pieces, but had broken into seven perfect shapes. When they tried to reassemble the seven pieces they found they could make many other designs. They proceeded to the castle and presented the broken glass as a puzzle for the king. The king was fascinated with the glass puzzle.

To make your own Tangram puzzles, first cut out the seven shapes from the square below. Then, rearrange the seven pieces to create the figures on page two. You must use all seven shapes and they cannot overlap.



