

Jessica's Big Little World - Outline

"Little Twin"

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Description: When Jessica meets another kid at the park with an identical look as her, the two quickly form an unbreakable bond. Until they discover they're actually more different than they are the same. With the help of Grandma JoJo, Jessica learns that big kids know how to be a friend in spite of differences.

ACT I

EXT. PARK - DAY

We open at the PARK where JESSICA and GRANDMA JOJO are playing together. JoJo drags a bubble wand about as Jessica excitedly POPS bubbles left and right, "Pop! Pop! BIG POP!" Jessica squeals, and says she loves her special time with Grandma JoJo. JoJo's the best at blowing bubbles, and *she's* the best at popping them, "I'm a POP Star!" Jessica declares as she leaps into the air and "POP!" Pops another one! JoJo laughs, "You didn't come to play, did you Miss Jessica!" Jessica says they're at the park, of course she came to play, "Now bubble me, baby!"

JoJo takes a deep breath and blows an ENORMOUS bubble that glimmers high over Jessica's body. Jessica's eyes widen, "Come to pop-pa." JoJo watches, as Jessica leaps into the air, air-Jordan style. Just then, a shadow overtakes her. We see another hand come into frame then... POP! Jessica lands, "WHuh?!"

Jessica stands to face MIRA ESPERA, a brassy little queen, posed confidently in front of her. Mira: "POP!" (We see they're wearing the same overalls, same shoes, and same hair tie!) Mira extends her hand Miss Piggy style and introduces herself, "Mira Espera. POP star." Jessica's eyes twinkle bubbles, feeling like she's finally met her match.

The girls do a quick scan - Same overalls? Check! Same height? (Mira does tippy toes, adjusting to Jessica's height) Check! Same shoes? Check! They do a silly dance, mirroring each other's movements. Same silly brain? Check! Jessica is gobsmacked. She's never met a kid just like her before?! Jessica says they're so the same, they must be destined to be friends?! Mira: "Best friends!" Jessica: "Yeah!" Mira: "Yeah!" Jessica: "Cuz we're the same!" Mira: "I know!" Jessica: "I know!" The two light up, "Wanna play?!" "That's what I was gonna say!" they shout, as they race towards the PLAYGROUND hand in hand.

JoJo smiles as the girls run off - time for some peace & quiet yoga.

ACT II

EXT. PLAYGROUND - MONTAGE - CONTINUOUS

The two run amok on the playground together. They go down a double slide holding hands, they swing side by side holding hands, they bounce on the bouncy horses holding hands, and at the water fountain, they take turns taking sips of water while yet, holding hands. They even tie Jessica's loose shoelace while holding hands - and when they can't get it tied, Mira just unties hers to match. Jessica and Mira are inseparable! Until suddenly, Mira's tia calls for her to break for a sip of water. Mira dramatically grabs Jessica's hand - if she never sees her again, she'll write to her. Jessica says she can't read, but send it anyway. She'll have Grandma JoJo read it. Like lovers torn apart, Jessica and Mira reluctantly go their separate ways.

END MONTAGE.

EXT. BENCH - CONTINUOUS

Jessica races to Grandma JoJo (who is doing a simple yoga pose) near a BENCH. Jessica excitedly announces she met a new friend! "And we're exactly the same! We have the same shoes, and we both love bubbles, and slides, and the purple bouncy horse, but not the red bouncy horse because it smells like pennies. And we're going to be BEST friends forever!" JoJo thinks it's wonderful! She asks what her new friend's name is? Jessica poses just as Mira did before: "Mira Espera, Pop Star!" Jessica says she's a bubble pop star too, just like Mira! JoJo chuckles and encourages Jessica to play with her new friend more, before settling back into her pose, "I'll be right here, if you need me."

EXT. HOPSCOTCH AREA - CONTINUOUS

TRY #1 - At the HOPSCOTCH area, Mira confirms, "I love Hopscotch too!" Jessica: "Me, too!" Mira: "Me too!" "I know!" Jessica gawks, picking up a pebble. Jessica declares she'll go first. "Toss the rock into a square, then hop all the way to the last square and back. Don't forget to hop over the square with the rock in it - Like this!" She throws the pebble and does a classic hop through the grid, landing perfectly on the final square and back. "Your turn!"

Mira tosses the pebble and hops through the grid, but with an added twist, incorporating flashy dance moves along the way. She lands back on the starting square, then poses, "Ta da!" Jessica grows confused, "What was *that?!?*" Mira shares that's how she plays the game! Jessica says that's not how you play hopscotch, "It's called '*hop-scotch*' not '*twirl around and shimmy-scotch!*'" Mira says it's hopscotch alright, "But when *I* play it with my cousins, we play it *differently.*" Jessica frowns. "*Different?*" "Yep!" Mira offers Jessica the pebble, "Your turn!"

Shaken, Jessica excuses herself, "Oh, I think my grandma is calling me to get a sip of water, too. Coming, Grandma JoJo!" she hollers, racing off.

EXT. BENCH - CONTINUOUS

Back at the bench, JoJo is settled peacefully in another yoga pose when Jessica arrives all out of sorts. JoJo asks how things are going, but Jessica is feeling bummed. She and Mira play hopscotch totally different!! JoJo gets up from her meditation and begins unpacking Jessica's snack. She advises, hopscotch is a game played all over the world. There are many different ways to play! Jessica is baffled, how was she supposed to know that? She only knows how to play the one way! JoJo encourages Jessica to keep playing. "Maybe you two can find a few more things you both enjoy?" Jessica looks at her PB&J sandwich cut in half, then gets an idea.

EXT. PICNIC TABLE - CONTINUOUS

TRY #2 - Jessica joins Mira at a PICNIC TABLE. We see the two are identical, both sitting on their knees to make them bigger. Jessica asks if Mira likes peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, to which Mira replies "YES!" Relieved, Jessica shouts "I love peanut butter and jelly sandwiches too!" The girls laugh, back in good spirits.

Jessica offers half of her peanut butter and jelly sandwich to Mira. The two cheers sandwiches, but when Mira goes to eat hers, she recoils and scrapes the jelly off. Jessica eyes Mira carefully, "What- what are you doing???" Mira shrugs, and declares she doesn't like jelly. She only likes the peanut butter. "*Just* the peanut butter?" Jessica asks. "But you said that you- I thought that we- " Jessica watches Mira munch on the deconstructed sandwich. Jessica: "That's not a PB&J, Mira! That's a PB &- B! For bread!" Mira says she loves peanut butter and jelly sandwiches - *without* the jelly. Her Tia makes 'em for her all the time, whenever she wants! *Without* the jelly! "Jelly is like, DISGUSTING." Mira declares. "Very ew ew." Jessica fumes, "No it's not!" Mira: "Yes it is!" Jessica: "No it's not!" Mira: Yes it is!" Jessica: "That's silly!" Mira raises, "WELL I LIKE IT!!"

Mortified, Jessica wraps up her sandwich and excuses herself from the table. "Would ya look at that, my grandma is calling again. Coming, Grandma JoJo!" she hollers, taking off.

EXT. BENCH - CONTINUOUS

Jessica joins Grandma JoJo (who is in yet another yoga pose) in a huff. Startled, JoJo asks how things are going? To which Jessica replies, "NUTTY." Jessica doesn't understand what happened? "I thought we were the same, but Mira plays hopscotch differently and doesn't like jelly! Who doesn't eat JELLY on a peanut butter and JELLY sandwich?!" JoJo slows, "Whoa, whoa whoa, Miss Jessica!" JoJo says they're still getting to know each other. Building a friendship takes time. She encourages Jessica to keep playing. Jessica notices Mira playing in the SANDBOX. Perhaps she'll give it one more try.

EXT. SANDBOX - CONTINUOUS

TRY #3 - Jessica finds Mira playing in the sandbox. The two sit for a moment, quietly observing each other, until Jessica asks if she can help? Mira hands Jessica a shovel and says she's working on a sand castle! But Jessica thinks that's boring, "A sand castle? How old are we,

zero?!” She thinks they should craft a sand rocket to explore sand space! Mira says she isn’t into space stuff, and since she was at the sandbox first, she gets to decide! Jessica wonders what’s wrong with building a sand rocket? Mira says she’s never heard of a sand rocket before? She wonders what’s wrong with building a sand castle? “They’re pretty standard sandbox structures,” she adds, confidently. Just then, the two girls reach for the sand bucket at the same time causing a tug of war to ensue, “Castle/Rocket! Castle/Rocket! CASTLE/ROCKET!” Until they both let go of the bucket, sending each other and sand flying. “YOU’RE NOT MY FRIEND ANYMORE!” the two shout in unison. Jessica: “Well at least we agree on THAT!”

ACT III

EXT. BENCH - CONTINUOUS

MENTOR MOMENT: Jessica thumps back to Grandma JoJo (who is now in the most complicated yoga pose, not too far away). She plops down next to her near tears. Concerned, JoJo asks Jessica what’s going on? Jessica says she and Mira aren’t friends anymore. They don’t like any of the same things, they don’t like the same foods, and they definitely don’t like playing together! Jessica tried and tried but turns out they’re not the same at all! She’d rather just play alone for-ever.

After acknowledging her feelings, JoJo says that as Jessica becomes a big kid, she’ll learn that everyone is different. “For example, I don’t always agree with my friends on the city council. We disagree all the time, on a lot of issues! But I still respect and value them. That’s what’s most important.” She says it’s okay to love and accept friends for who they are and what they like, in spite of differences. “You two showed up at the park today looking almost identical! How cool is that?! But *differences* are what makes friendships unique!” JoJo adds. “I wonder if there’s a way you two could celebrate your differences?!”

Just then, Jessica and Mira catch eyes. Jessica knows what she has to do.

EXT. SANDBOX - CONTINUOUS

WIN MOMENT: Jessica and Mira meet at the sandbox. Jessica apologizes for getting upset and raising her voice earlier. She says she’s really happy she met Mira, and even though they like a lot of the same things, they’re also different in a lot of ways. And that’s okay. “I have a lot of fun playing with you!” She wonders if they could still be friends? Mira lights up.

In an intense sequence of building, the two begin sharing the bucket and collaborating in the sand until finally, Jessica unveils an entire sand + space UNIVERSE! Mira: “Where everyone lives in sandcastles!” Jessica: “And they drive rocket ships!” JoJo hops in the sandbox, “Well, I’ll provide the space bubbles!” she adds, joining in on the play!