
TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/24 11:06

Has anyone seen this? I saw part of it last week and it piqued my interest... I watched 2 half hour segments last night and I am both amazed and appauled!... This poor couple has 8 children under the age of 6. A pair of older twins..and a set of Sextuplets.. Last night it was clear to me that this women seems to really have a few screws loose.. Although if I were in similar cicumstances... I'd have to be committed! Kate is a germ phobic.. and probably lends toward having OCD tendencies.. She is a control freak...and all that is not good while trying to deal with 8 young ones.. She sweeps her kitchen floor 3 times a day.. and puts the kids one some sort of breathing machine for 30 minutes every afternoon before their naps.. I didn't pick up why... I don't think they were asthmatics.. but I got the feeling that it was something to ward off germs and keep them from getting sick... Can you imagine the house there when one child gets a stomache virus?

Anyone else see this show? I really like her husband but feel sorry for the guy! I got the impression that there was alot of hostility/resentment going on between the lines. Maybe that's to be expected with the circumstances... I just wouldn't be so eager to be part of a show like that.. Last night she was going to hire a cleaning person... But she was so ridiculous with her expectations that it was really sad. I think a couple of her kids beginning to pick up her tendencies..

I'm interested in discussing this more.. and see if I was off in my perceptions.

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Re:TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/24 11:45

I didn't realize it before...but this show is in the regular lineup on the Discovery Health channel. It's apparently on tonight. It looks like the 2 episodes I saw last night on TLC are on tonight at Discovery Health in their regular time slot.. Here is a link to the episode guide..

<http://health.discovery.com/convergence/gosselins/episodes.html>

I don't get Discovery health.. Here is a link to the show's webpage at Discovery Health..

<http://health.discovery.com/convergence/gosselins/gosselins.html>

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Re:TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by wish - 2007/04/24 18:17

Watched the show it was good, wow could never take care of 8 kids.

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Re:TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/30 12:59

I wrote a long detailed post just now, but, lost it due to some problem with my server. Anyway, I saw the 2 documentaries on this family. The couple is very strange. They appear to be very unhappy in their marriage. I've seen many other multiple families on tv and most of the parents seem to be happy, Maybe that's an act for the cameras. But, this couple is really over stressed.

They were on Dr. Phil last week. He gave them free nanny service, counseling with the kids to help with rules of the house and some free toys. I think they should have gotten MARITAL counseling.

If they could afford it, I think they would certainly split up.

He always says she is a control freak, I didn't see the thing about the mopping and breathing device. Maybe that's why she has few volunteers with help.

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Re:TLC's Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by Debby - 2007/04/30 13:10

The first documentary she kept saying that he blamed her for the multiple births. He says he didn't, but, I'm not so sure.

Although, they appear to love the kids, they don't seem to be happy with them. They complain more that most of the multiple birth parents. The kids seem to be pretty happy.

The thing the couple was complaining about on dr. Phil was the loud noise of all the kids in the house. They tended to fight over toys and not want to share.

I hope they get some help so they can regain some happiness in their marriage.

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Re:TLC's Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/04/30 16:45

I would have liked to see that Dr. Phil show. I wonder at what point it had been taped..

I've wondered what would motivate someone to be so transparent (airing hostilities) on a show like this and I've also wondered if they deliberately exaggerate just to create interest and storyline.

But some of the things I saw... was that she was indeed a control freak... At one point they were going to go out for dinner and she was complaining that her husband took longer to get ready than she did and that it irritated her.. (I believe she may have even phrased it saying it "irritated the 'He double L' out of her. And it showed him walking in the room as it was being said.

When they were doing the on camera commentary pieces, she was pretty forthright with her criticisms of things he said and how he said them.. The poor guy probably feels like he can't do anything right?

Having sextuplets are stressful enough and a pair of twins on top of that.. without the control issues and phobias.. I couldn't believe that she'd go behind someone to check for dust in nooks and crannies amidst all that chaos. I would be grateful if someone just did nuts and bolts cleaning and picking up. She was being very unrealistic given the circumstances. Who would want to work for someone like that.

I'll see if it's going to be on TLC this week and see if my opinion changes? I really saw the dad trying his best to pull his weight. He was honest about being glad that he had a job to go to to get away from the daily struggle of dealing with 8 young children.

I think it's a regular show on Discovery health.. I can only imagine that they are putting themselves out like this just to help make ends meet. Who knows between shots, the camera people may actually be able to pitch in with diapers.

Nanny help would be a good thing to have... That way she could clean till her hearts content! It's really about her needing to make priorities..

I looked for a forum where some discussion about this show might exist, but I didn't find it. If anyone sees one a bit more in depth than this thread, let me know. Having only seen 2 episodes, I'm probably not caught up with all the facts and I'm sure the dad has his flaws too!

It could be that if she had tendencies to be a clean freak and germ phobic that the stress and number of children have just caused it to be worse. Maybe she needs some OCD meds!

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Re:TLC's Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/01 12:44

I saw another episode last night. Hubby and her brother are trying to install organizational devices in the garage to store the family's large assortment of gear. She was pretty much on his butt about it, but, not as bad as I expected. You could tell she told him what to do and when to do it and it had to be her way.

She knows her husband is miserable in that house. At one point, the kids kicked a ball towards the street. Hubby went out to retrieve it. As he walked toward the street, she made a least 2 comments about him taking it as a chance to escape. I don't think she meant escape working on the garage, but, from the house in general. She made a couple of comments about him taking off and I think it was real.

Their unhappiness was apparent in their first documentary. I thought it was real then too. If you'll remember they took the entire family to the pumpkin patch for photos. The kids were very tired and ill and mom was very opinionated in how she wanted things to go. The kids did not want to cooperate and Hubby was distant and fed up with the entire thing. Mom made everybody endure and finally got the perfect photo she wanted.

It was the first show about families with multiple births that made me say, Wow, what a miserable life. Of course, the kids seem to be quite happy and well adjusted. I do feel for the twins. I think they get looked over a lot. It was great last night, the couple got to take a short trip with the twins to California. That was quite a trip for them. They actually had friends who cared for the other kids while they went on this trip.

Other people notice their anger as well. Last night, her sister in law, said that of course the couple uses sharp language towards each other, but then, they just move on as if nothing happened. I think she was trying to convince the viewers that things are alright.

I do see this as different from the Roloffs. I think they have some major issues with each other, and IMO, it's Amy who is the one off base, but, even their problems don't rise to the level of Jon and Kate.

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Re:TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/01 13:26

I saw the Calif. trip last night... Kate is pretty bossy... and poor Jon seems that he has to jump through hoops to please her..

Kate is definitely melodramatic. She was laughing because one of the twins were acting very melodramatic..and her husband pointed out that the daughter was just like she was.. But she denied it and seemed genuinely offended. But I think he was right. I've noticed it about a couple of the kids that they are extremely picky and particular.. Of course with 8 kids their personalities will run the spectrum...but they will definitely be picking up tendencies from their folks..

She does seem like she is great with the kids.. and I think he is good with the kids too.. I think there is just normal stress of having that many kids..on top of the stress just trying to live with someone with certain personality quirks!

I think the one woman was the same one who took some of them when they went out to a dinner on another episode. I thought they called her their aunt.. Maybe Kate's sister..??? or just a close friend with an honorary title of 'aunt'..

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Re:TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/01 16:57

Did you see the show in which she got the tummy lift? They showed photos of the wife when they first got married. She was a knock out. I mean a very attractive lady. I know that many kids is a big load, but, it appeared as if she tried to look less attractive. Is that possible? Do some wive's look less attractive on purpose in hopes that their husband will not want as much sex? Just curious...what else could it be? It hasn't been that long ago that she was so gorgeous. She doesn't look anything like she did when they got married. I wonder if her attitude is the same?

She is one of those people who looks great as a blonde, not so good as a burnette. She also looks great with shoulder length hair, not, short short hair. But that's the route she took. Also, you would think that after the tummy tuck, she would be showing off that figure, but, she dresses like my mom. I'm really not trying to diss the lady, but, it makes you wonder.

I guess I'm out of the loop regarding her kind of situation.

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Re:TLC's Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/08 11:38

OMG. Did anyone see the show last night. It came on The Learning Channel right after Little People, Big World.

That mother is OUT OF CONTROL. The number of times she yelled at her husband in public like he was a dog. I think most people would be upset to hear a pet owner yelling to their dog the way she did her husband in a store!

What is even worse is that she doesn't see anything wrong with it.

She must come from a family where yelling, bossing, and speaking disrespectfully to each other is okay. It's so bad that now I think it is incumbent upon the husband to step up and put a stop to it. It is harmful IMO to the children to see that kind of disrespect from the mother to the father.

Talk about a control freak!

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Re:TLC's Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/08 11:53

I hope this show is a form of therapy for her!

I saw the show last night... and was appalled when she told Jon to wake up and watch the kids.. (One of the children was a few steps behind him)...

Debby is you think that was bad...you've got to see the episode where they try to hire household help.. I swear she was going behind them and moving things out of the way and moving furniture looking behind things..I would have been happy to have some semblance of order and not a sterile environment.

I did notice when she was in the kitchen that she was talking to the kids that way too. She blamed it on being afraid she was going to fall and be out of commission..

I'm afraid she's probably going to try to micromanage each of the kids as they get older.

I thought it was ridiculous that she would manipulate the girls gift getting so that they each got gave the other the same toy. She said that's what they had always done. Maybe fearful that they'd be jealous of the other's toy... Just seemed really silly for a pair of 6 year olds.. They really should have been given free reign (for the most part) to pick out their sister's birthday gift.

Maybe Kate is so outrageous and why they chose to start airing the show on TLC in addition to Discovery Health. It is oddly entertaining! If she'd just relax a bit.. and not be so domineering and control freakish...she'd be an awesome mom and dare I say, wonderful to be around as a mate!

But I think if I had 8 kids...I'd go bonkers! And I wouldn't be able to blame OCD!

Post edited by: KPW1956, at: 2007/05/08 11:55

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Re:TLC's Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by KPW1956 - 2007/05/16 12:44

Anybody see this weeks? I guess compared to the other shows it was rather non controversial with regards to how they treat each other..

It was an episode that Kate orchestrated a surprise birthday party for Jon.. She also sprang a surprise trip to Florida on him and they were leaving the next morning.

I can certainly appreciate all the logistical planning that this trip required that Kate managed to pull off. But it is still clear she is a control freak!

It was rather ridiculous when they got to Florida and she refused to wear sunscreen because she didn't like how it made

her feel. Well she wound up with sun poisoning.. They seemed to imply that she has done that several times before! At least gotten burned really bad because of refusing to use the sunblock.. I sure hope she insists that those babies use it!

The friends who took the kids deserve supreme Kudos!

I think some relatives took the twins and another friend took the 6 toddlers for 5 WHOLE days!

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Re:TLC\'s Jon and Kate plus 8

Posted by Debby - 2007/05/16 15:13

I missed the show this past week. I only saw the first few minutes. I'll try to catch it on a rerun. I saw a clip about her resistance to sun screen. That's just plain crazy. Maybe she is too busy to have heard how dangerous skin cancer can be.

My brother's soon to be ex-wife has never seen to it that the kids wear sunscreen. In the summer they are either brown as Indians or burned red. It makes me so angry I can hardly stand it. Those children will suffer from these burns years down the road. I am always saying things like, what kind of sunscreen do you use? They don't know what to say. They rely on their parents for those kind of things. They have a backyard pool and stay in it in the summer. I know it's getting ready to start again. I'm helpless to stop it. My brother makes sure they keep in on with they are with him, but he works during the day when they are mainly in the pool.

Okay, I'll get off my soapbox. Not taking care of kids skin and allowing damage is a sore spot for me. Years ago we didn't know any better, but now days there is no excuse not to try to keep the kids protected.

Kate is really a control freak. If she only had 3 kids and husband can you imagine how unrelentless she would have been?

One of my ex-boyfriends was a control-picky freak like her. Everything had to be so so. Loading a dishwasher was an exact science. If you did it just a little bit off from his way, he would explode. Every decision must be made by him. It was exhausting. You can never satisfy people like that...no matter how hard you try. My heart goes out to Jon. I imagine a normal wife would seem so attractive to him. Talk about the pressure he is under. If he did ever think about leaving, the child support would be huge!

Hopefully, this show will bring feedback to her so that she can get some help with her issues. I have seen a lot criticism of Kate on other boards. But, as Dr. Phil says, you can't change what you don't acknowledge. I think Kate thinks she is just fine. Now, if Jon decided he has had enough and walks out, THAT would be a wild reality show.

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