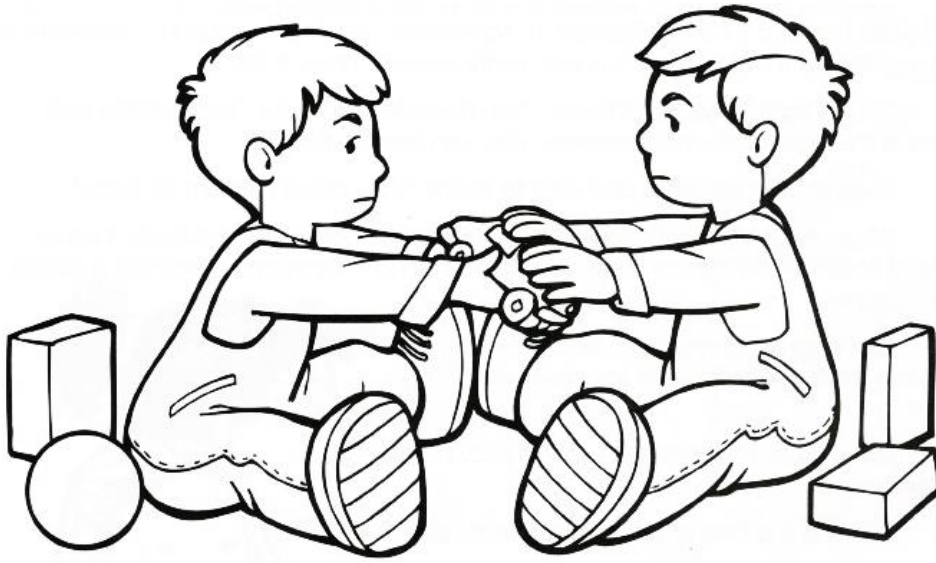


A Story on Sharing



Taylor spent the night at Lexie's house. About 10:00 the next morning, Lexie's Aunt Melissa called. Melissa had twin boys who were three years old. They were Lexie's cousins. "Hello, Lexie?" Aunt Melissa said. "Could you come over and watch Matt and Mark for a little while? I want to sew some curtains today, and I don't want Matt and Mark to get into the pins and scissors and all. Could you play with the boys for a few hours?"

"Okay," said Lexie, "but my friend, Taylor, spent the night with me last night. So, is it alright if she comes, too?"

"Sure! That's fine!" Aunt Melissa said.

At Aunt Melissa's house, Matt and Mark played with their toy cars. "Give me that red car!" said Matt.

"No, it's mine," said Mark.

"No, mine!" yelled Matt. They both pulled on the car until Matt won. Mark got mad and hit his brother.

"Stop that!" said Lexie. "You have to share. Here, Mark, you play with the green car for a while. Then you and Matt can switch cars later."

Then Taylor and Lexie poured the boys some juice in cups with lids on them. "I want the cup with the tiger on it!" said Mark. "No, that's my cup!" said Matt, as he grabbed it out of Mark's hand. Mark wailed, "I had it first!"

"Don't fight, boys," said Taylor. "You have to take turns. Today, Mark can have the tiger cup, and tomorrow, you can have it, Matt."

Lexie shook her head and said to Taylor, "They need to learn to share!"

When Aunt Melissa finished the curtains, she took Lexie and Taylor home. Aunt Melissa and the boys came inside when Lexie's mom invited them to stay for supper.

"Let's go up to my room and play my new video game, okay?" Lexie said to Taylor. "I'll go first."

Taylor asked, "Can't two players play at the same time?"

"No, this is a one-player game," said Lexie.

Taylor watched as Lexie played. When the game ended, Taylor said, "Ok, it's my turn."

"No, not yet. I almost got to the next level. I'm going to play one more time," Lexie said. "Hey, that's not fair," Taylor said, angrily, "it's my turn!" Taylor reached for the controls, and Lexie jerked them away from her. "Stop!" she said. They were both pulling on the controls when Matt and Mark appeared in the doorway.

"You have to take turns," said Matt. Then Mark added, "You need to learn to share."

Lexie and Taylor looked at each other and laughed. "I guess they taught us a lesson, didn't they!" Lexie said, as she handed the controls to Taylor.

Talk About It

- What lesson did Lexie and Taylor teach the boys?
- What lesson did the boys teach Lexie and Taylor?
- When is it fun to share? When is it hard to share?
- Read Hebrews 13:16. What does the Bible say about sharing?

