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Story 29- Let's Pick on Roger

Roger was very small for his age. He got good grades and was very smart. When baseball season arrived, Roger decided to try out for the team. He went to the first practice session after school.

When he got to the field, some of the team members were laughing at him and saying mean things. They called him names like "Gopher Head" and "Mr. Scrawny." They didn't think that he could play baseball and told him that he should forget about being on the team.

To the surprise of everyone, Roger played baseball very well and ended up pitching for the team.

1. How do you think Roger felt when everyone was making fun of him?

2. Why do you think everyone was laughing at Roger?

3. Should Roger respond to their joking? If so, what should he say?

4. How do you think the team members felt when they realized that Roger was good at baseball? What should they say to him?

Story 30 A Surprise for Mother

Margaret worked at a toy store after school and on weekends. One day, she wanted to go shopping to buy a present for her mother's birthday. She called her boss and said that she was too sick to go to work today.

Her mother tried to call her at work that afternoon and found out that Margaret had called in sick. When Margaret got home, her mother started to yell at her for missing work.

1. What should Margaret say to her mother?

2. How can Margaret keep a secret from her mother without telling her something that is not true?

3. If her mother continues to be upset, should Margaret tell her that she was buying a birthday present?

4. Do you think that it is bad to lie to people when you are planning a special surprise for them? Why do you feel this way?
