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*It was that time of year again when everyone dressed up in outfits to go trick or treating.*

Dad looked at Little Lady Grace, "You look so pretty in your pink princess dress."

"Thank you Daddy, but I am not a princess," Grace said.

"What are you dressed up as?" Dad asked.

"Daddy, I'm a Little Lady!" Grace said. "I am not pretending Daddy, I am really just a Little Lady dressed up as myself!"

Dad smiled from ear to ear and laughed, "You are an amazing, kind, gentle, awesome, very sweet Little Lady. Please stay that way all the years you spend on Earth," Dad said. "It's important people see the good in the world. It would be great if they could see the good in the world through you."

Grace smiled and hugged her Dad, "I will try. And I want to be good person Daddy even when people are mean to me..."

Dad laughed, "Grace, sometimes it is very hard to be nice to people who are mean to you. But, I know you will do your best."

"What is Halloween?" David asked his Mom.

"That's a good question. I don't know... It has been around for a very long time," Mom responded. She was embarrassed that she didn't have an answer.

"I get to pretend to be a pirate for the night! I think it is a really cool day whoever made it up," David said in excitement.

"It is okay to pretend sometimes, but not all of the time. Maybe Halloween is a day the world pretends to pretend?" Mom said.

"Yea, I wouldn't want to pretend all the time. You will forget about who you are! Right, Mommy?" David asked.

“That’s right David. Just remember... tonight you can pretend to be a pirate but you are also <sup>1</sup>**Grace’s Big Brother**, okay?” Mom said. “You need to watch out for Grace... Especially when little kids are all trying to get the candy when trick or treating. People can get selfish sometimes and they may try and steal Grace’s candy,” Mom said.

“Okay Mom, sure thing,” David wasn’t really paying attention (he was busy pretending to be a pirate).

*As the sun was going down Mom and Dad decided to take Grace and David out to trick or treat.*

“Wow! Mom, look at all the different kids in costumes out trick or treating,” David said excitedly. “Why are so many kids dressed like scary things?”

“Is it bothering you David?” Mom asked. “I didn’t know it would look so scary tonight...it seems like it gets scarier and scarier every Halloween.”

“Yes, it’s a little scary...but I know their just pretending,” David said.

“Hurry, ring the bell,” Dad said to Grace.

*‘DING DONG’*

As the door opened Grace yelled, “trick or treat!”

“What are you dressed as... a princess?” the neighbor asked.

“No, I’m dressed as myself,” said Grace.

“I’m dressed as a pirate,” David growled, “and I’m hungry for candy now give me some. Arrrr.”

Mom interrupted, “Say please David. Remember, your just pretending to be a pirate. You need to remember to use manners.”

“I’m sorry,” David said as he looked at the neighbors, “Can I please have some candy? Arr.”

“You sure can,” said the neighbor, “now pick your favorite.”

“Yummy! I like this chocolate bar,” Grace said.

“Daddy, aren't pirates always chewing on something,” asked David.

“I don't know. I can't remember,” said Dad.

“I would like a piece of chocolate , but I think pirates are always chewing on something so I'll choose a piece of gum—so I can act like a real pirate,” answered David.

*As David and Grace filled up their bags with candy, David could not stop thinking about Little Lady Grace's chocolate bar. They all went home and sat down in the family room.*

“Okay,” Mom said, “You both can have two pieces of candy before bed.”

“Go ahead and empty your bags on the floor. Let Mom and I check the candy,” Dad said.

*As Mom and Dad were checking the candy, David was looking for Grace's favorite candy bar. Grace had so many chocolate candies David thought she would forget all about her favorite one.*

“Okay children, the candy looks safe,” said Mom.

*David hurried to the pile of candy and purposefully mixed both piles together.*

“Oops! Sorry Grace. Here, let me help.”

*As David started to separate the piles he took Little Lady Grace's favorite candy bar.*

“That's okay,” said Grace, “I already know the pieces of candy I want.”

“Okay! I got my two pieces of candy. I'm going to go to bed now!” David said as he turned to walk away.

“Hold it right there, pirate!” Grace said. “Where's my favorite candy?”

*David's face turned red.*

“Arrrrre you accusing me?” David growled as he lifted his plastic sword in the air. “I got me my treasure right there,” as he pointed to his candy pile.

“Stop it right now,” Dad said. “David, did you take Little Grace’s candy?”

“Yes. He did daddy,” Grace said. “I saw him take it when he mixed the candy together.”

“No I didn’t,” said David. “You’re lying.”

“No I’m not,” Grace said, “I saw you.”

“Empty your pockets right now, David,” said Dad.

“But Dad...she’s lying,” said David. “All the candies look the same. She just wants to get me in trouble.”

“That’s not true. My favorite candy had a stripe on it,” said Grace.

“David, empty your pockets,” Mom said.

*David emptied his pockets and out came the chocolate bar with a stripe on it.*

David started to cry, “I’m sorry Grace, I’m sorry Mom, I’m sorry Dad. That was really dumb of me. I’m sorry.”

“Why did you take my candy, David,” said Grace. “I would have just given it to you if you would have just asked me.”

“Can I please have the chocolate bar,” David asked.

“Yes, you can have it. But please don’t lie and steal from me,” said Grace.

# The End!

## What Did We Learn From This Story?

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That night, David learned a big lesson. It is not nice to lie and steal. The right thing to do is ask. When you lie or steal it always hurts somebody. Would you ever want to hurt anyone? Would you ever want someone to hurt you?

Jesus Christ, the God of the universe, teaches us not to steal or lie. <sup>2</sup>**Leviticus 19:11** in the Holy Bible warns us about this. Zacchaeus in the Bible stole from people and felt bad so he gave back what he stole. (<sup>3</sup>**Luke 19:8**)

In this story, Big Brother David did the same thing. Do you want to be like Big Brother David and do the right thing? If you do, please pray to Jesus Christ this simple prayer:

**Dear Jesus Christ,  
I really want you to help me be a good person.  
Will you please help me?  
Please teach me right from wrong for the rest of my life.  
Thank you Jesus.  
Amen.**



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<sup>2</sup> **Leviticus 19:11**—Ye shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie one to another.

<sup>3</sup> **Luke 19:8**—And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore *him* fourfold.