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*It was that time of year again when all of the colors turned yellow and brown and pictures of turkeys were everywhere. Big Brother David and Little Lady Grace were on their way to Grandma and Grandpa's house.*

"Mom, it's Thanksgiving," said Grace, "What are you thankful for?"

"Well sweetie, I'm thankful for God, Daddy, and my two sweet babies," said Mom.

"Am I one of your babies?" David asked.

"Of course! You're always going to be my baby," Mom said.

"Daddy, what are you grateful for?" Grace asked.

"I'm grateful for Jesus and the family he's given me...and yes that includes you David," Dad said.

"What about me," Grace asked.

"Of course," said Dad.

"You know what I'm grateful for?" Grace asked. "I'm thankful that we're able to drive in the car to Grandma and Grandpa's, and that I have shoes on my feet, and Mommy and Daddy, and the pretty pink bow on my head, and my curls, and the socks I'm wearing, and that I can kick my feet on the seat, and David, and the trees, and grass, and the sky..."

David interrupted, "You know what I'm thankful for?...I'm thankful for God, Mom and Dad, and when Grace doesn't talk too much."

"David!" Mom and Dad scolded.

"What? She just kept talking...all she was doing was saying the things she was looking at," David said.

"Yes, I know. We all talk too much sometimes. But she is just excited that she is going to Grandma and Grandpa's," said Dad.

"If we talk just to hear ourselves and to talk over people, that's when it is not good," said Mom.

“Gobble, gobble, gobble,” said David. “Don’t gobble like a turkey.”

*Dad and Mom laughed.*

“Stop making fun of me!” Grace shouted.

“Do you think you gobble?” said David. “Do you think you are a turkey?”

“No...but because you’re making me mad, I will gobble like a turkey all day,” said Grace.

“Stop it you two. Lets have a good rest of the day at Grandma and Grandpa’s,” said Mom.

“I’m thankful Mom and Dad stop us from arguing,” said Grace as she looked at her brother David with a smirk. “ I’m also thankful for turkey on Thanksgiving Day.”

*As the family approached Grandma and Grandpa’s house, David and Grace were anxious to play with their cousins. When they got out of the car, Grandma and Grandpa were waiting to give them big hugs.*

“Happy Thanksgiving my little turkeys!” Grandma said.

Grace smirked at David and said, “Gobble, gobble, gobble!”

*Everyone went inside and could smell gravy, stuffing, turkey and cranberries.*

“Hey little turkeys,” cousin Eddie said.

David said, “Please don’t start with that. My sister will...”

“GOBBLE, GOBBLE, GOBBLE!” Grace shouted while smiling at David.

David slapped his hand on his forehead and mumbled, “This is going to be a long day.”

“You know what I’m thankful for, Eddie?” Grace asked.

“What’s that?” Eddie asked.

“I’m thankful that you asked me what I was thankful for, and for the food that we are about to eat, and the day that we are having,” Grace said.

“Dinner is ready! Take your seats!” Grandma called from the kitchen.

“We’re about to gobble, gobble, gobble food!” Grace shouted while smiling at David.

*Everyone sat down at the table and started eating Thanksgiving dinner.*

“Hey Grandma, Grandpa, do you know what I am grateful for?” Gracie said.

“What’s that sweet heart?” Grandpa asked.

“So glad you asked Grandpa,” said Grace while smiling at David. “I am thankful for you Grandpa, and Grandma, and cousin Eddie, and all my aunts and uncles, and family, and the turkey we’re about to gobble, gobble, gobble, and that we have a table that we can sit at, and for Mom and Dad, and especially my Big Brother David.”

“That is very nice Grace,” Mom said.

“We know what you are thankful for. You have been saying it all day, but it now seems like you are antagonizing your brother on purpose. Lets just eat dinner and thank God for everything,” Dad said.

*The family said their goodbyes and left Grandma and Grandpa’s house.*

“David, **I’m sorry about today**. I was talking a lot to make you mad on purpose. I feel really bad. I know I shouldn’t talk just to hear myself,” said Grace ashamed of herself.

“Yes. You did gobble, gobble, gobble like a turkey. Please don’t do that again,” said David.

“Thank you for saying sorry, Grace,” said Dad.

“I know you were excited about today Grace...But, it is not proper to talk for no reason. I know it is hard not to—even for me—but we have to try,” Mom said.

“Okay Mommy, I will try hard to do better,” said Grace.

# The End!

## What Did We Learn From This Story?

Jesus Christ, the God of the universe, teaches us to be careful with our words. <sup>2</sup>**Timothy 2:16** in the Holy Bible warns us about this. King Solomon—a man gifted with great wisdom—said that talking without a reason can make you look very goofy and silly. (<sup>3</sup>**Ecclesiastes 10:12**)

In this story, Little Lady Grace was talking just to hear herself talk and to make her big brother angry. She made herself look very silly...but in the end she looked wise like King Solomon by saying sorry and being careful with her words. Do you want to be careful with your words? If you do, please pray to Jesus Christ this simple prayer:

Dear Jesus Christ,  
I don't want to talk like a gobble gobble turkey.  
Can you please help me be wise like King Solomon and be careful with my words?  
Please help me to be a very smart person for you, God.  
Thank you Jesus.  
Amen.



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<sup>2</sup> 2 Timothy 2:16—But shun profane *and* vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness.

<sup>3</sup> Ecclesiastes 10:12—The words of a wise man's mouth *are* gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow up himself.