

# Getting Along With Others

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## FIGHTING SISTERS

Once upon a time there were two beautiful sisters who didn't get along. Anna and Sue fought about everything. They were close in age and very much alike, but they still fought about everything. They fought about who had nicer clothes and who had a better lunch at school. But the worse arguments they had were about their friends.

One day they both saw their friend Meg on the playground. "Hey Meg," they said at the same time. "Hey Anna and Sue," Meg said back. "She said my name first so she likes me better," said Anna. "She saved my name for last because you save the best for last," said Sue. "Maybe we should ask her what she meant," said Anna. "Who do you like better, Meg?" said Sue. But Meg didn't like to get in the middle of the sisters' fights, so she just turned and walked away.

"You're so stupid," said Anna. "You're so stupider," said Sue. "I don't want to play with you anymore," said Anna. "Well, I don't want to play with you!" said Sue.

By avoiding each other, the sisters stopped fighting. This arrangement worked out well for the rest of the day, but when they got home, the hours started to seem longer. Both girls realized they were bored and lonely. Even though they fought, it was still fun to have someone to play with.

The girls' mother saw that her daughters were unhappy and she sat them down for a talk. "Tell me what's wrong," their mother said. "Sue is pretty stupid, but I wish we didn't fight so much," said Anna. "Can we try that again?" said their mother, patiently. They had a rule about calling other people names. "Tell me what you want." Anna tried again. "I mean, I wish Sue and I didn't fight so much. Maybe we could take turns picking what games to play, and not fight over friends." "Okay," said Sue. "Otherwise our friends won't want to play with us anymore." "Right," said Anna, remembering what had happened earlier with Meg. And even though they got into a fight again right after dinner, they did start to fight less, and they appreciated each other more.

