

Trying TOGETHER

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(Based on a true story)

"Ye ought to forgive one another"
(Doctrine and Covenants 64:9).

Jack was in trouble. He had poked his little sister, Harper. Mom told him to stop. He dumped his toys in the kitchen. Mom asked him to pick them up. He pulled out all the plastic cups to build with. Mom told him to put them away. Then he got in a fight with his little brother, Adam. And that's when Mom yelled at him. Jack yelled back. Then Mom told Jack to go sit outside.

Jack ran through the kitchen and out to the balcony. He slid the door shut as hard as he could. He walked back and forth and back and forth. He was mad!

And he was sad. He wished Mom hadn't yelled at him.



He stopped and looked down at the cars far below the apartment. He watched small cars and big buses drive by. He wished *he* hadn't yelled at Mom. He shouldn't have teased Harper. Or fought with Adam. He hadn't made very good choices today.

Jack sighed. He looked back at the street and counted cars.

Soon the balcony door slid open. It was Mom.

"Jack?" she said softly. She stepped outside and slid the door shut behind her. She stood by Jack and looked at the cars with him.

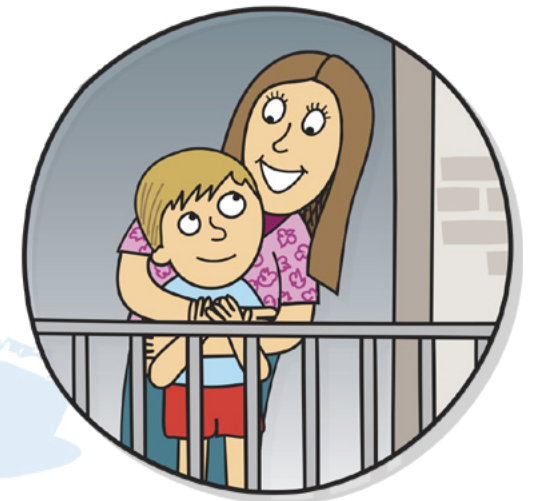
"I'm sorry I didn't listen to you," Jack said. "And I'm sorry I wasn't very nice. Will you forgive me?"

"Of course." Mom gave Jack a big hug. "I'm sorry I yelled at you. I'm still learning just like you are, and sometimes I make mistakes."

Jack hugged Mom tight.

"Let's go try again," Mom said.

She followed Jack back inside. She helped him pick up the cups. They helped Harper find her blanket. Then they played a game with Adam and Harper. When Adam got mad about losing, Jack didn't get mad back. Mom gave him a big smile. They were learning and trying together. ●



◆ See *Come, Follow Me* for Doctrine and Covenants 64–66.

