

WORDS FILLED WITH HONEY

"Do you like it?" asked Jennifer eagerly, holding out a cookie for her brother Alex to taste.

Alex opened his mouth without glancing away from his video game.

"Well, what do you think?" demanded his sister, after Alex had eaten the cookie.

"Did you put coconut in them? I don't care for coconut," Alex remarked.

"Now, now," said Mother as she patted Jennifer's shoulder. "I'm sure Alex doesn't mean to hurt your feelings, and has at least one nice thing to say."

Alex was surprised when he saw that his little sister looked hurt.

"Aw, Jenny, you're so kind to make enough for me when you bake. You're the best!"



Jennifer returned to the kitchen with a smile on her face.

“There, now was that so difficult?” asked Mother. “When someone goes out of their way to do something nice for you, you need to pay attention to that, and not whether it is personally your favorite thing.”

Saying the right thing is really not that difficult to do. Simply put yourself in the other person's place and think about what you would want someone to say if the roles were switched.

The Bible says, “Kind words are like honey—sweet to the soul and healthy for the body” (Proverbs 16:24 NLT).

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