

SOLVING CONFLICTS



KIANA



ZACH



DAISY

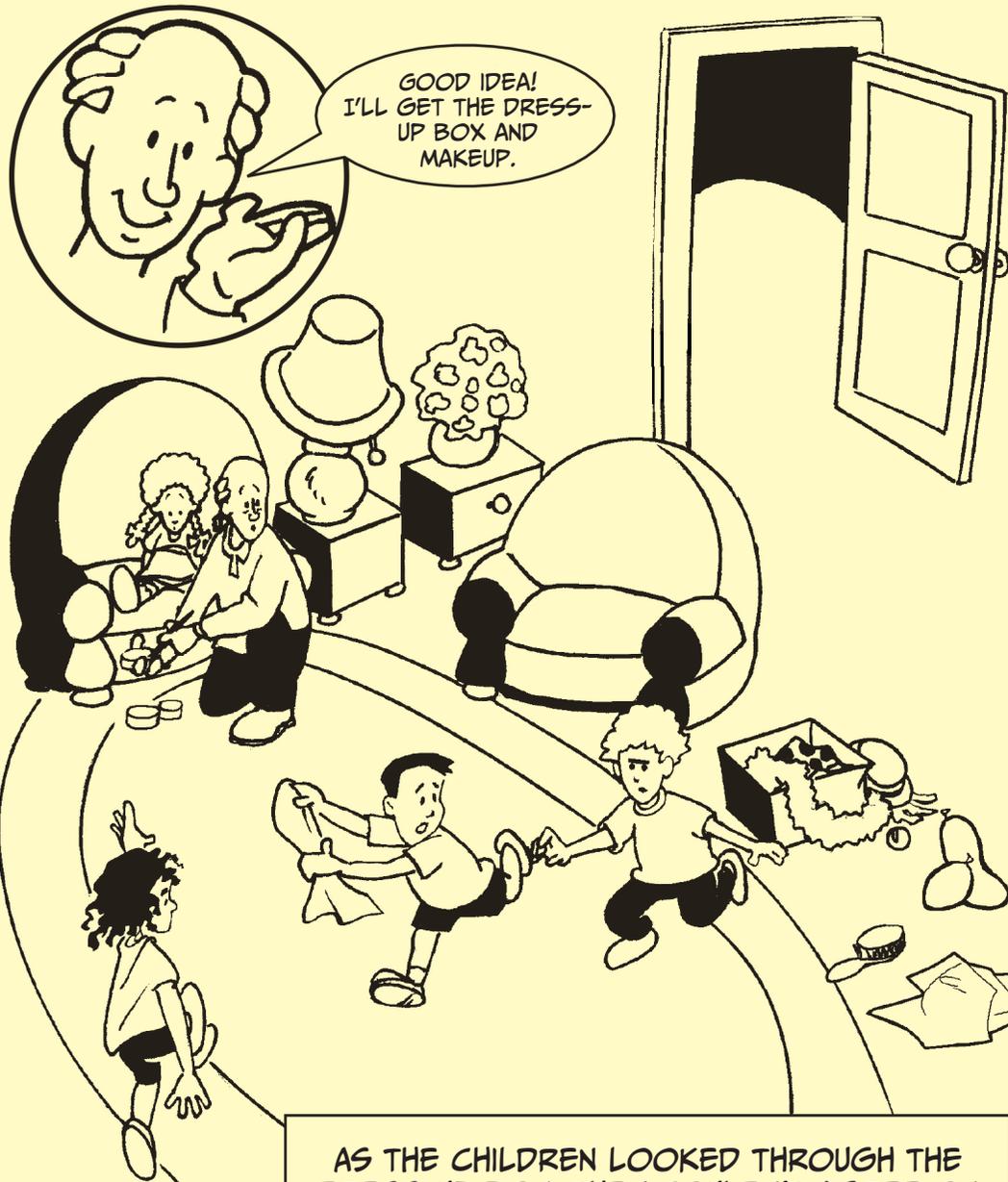


ERIC

"MY CHILDREN, OUR LOVE SHOULD NOT BE JUST WORDS AND TALK; IT MUST BE TRUE LOVE, WHICH SHOWS ITSELF IN ACTION" (1 JOHN 3:18 GNT).

KIANA AND HER BROTHER ZACH WERE GOING TO VISIT THEIR BEST FRIENDS DAISY AND ERIC. THEY HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS VISIT ALL WEEK LONG.





AS THE CHILDREN LOOKED THROUGH THE DRESS-UP BOX, THEY COULDN'T AGREE ON WHICH ITEMS THEY WOULD USE. EVERYONE WANTED THE SAME COSTUMES, AND THEY STARTED TO ARGUE AND FIGHT. AND THEN...



IT IS SAD THAT YOU ARE FIGHTING AND ARGUING INSTEAD OF PLAYING NICELY TOGETHER. WHAT HAPPENED?



"THE LORD'S SERVANT MUST NOT BE QUARRELSOME BUT MUST BE KIND TO EVERYONE" (2 TIMOTHY 2:24 NIV).

I WAS ANGRY THAT ERIC TOOK THE COSTUME I WANTED.



ERIC GOT THAT COSTUME LAST TIME WE PLAYED, SO I WANTED ZACH TO HAVE IT THIS TIME.



I SHOULDN'T HAVE TRIED TO GRAB IT FROM ZACH. I'M SORRY.



MAYBE WE CAN ALL DRESS UP DIFFERENTLY THIS TIME.



THERE ARE LOTS OF COSTUMES IN THE BOX, AND WE CAN MIX AND MATCH. WE CAN HELP EACH OTHER FIND THE BEST COSTUMES.

TOGETHER, THE FOUR FRIENDS WORKED TOGETHER TO PICK OUT COSTUMES THAT THEY EACH LIKED. THEN THEY PLANNED THEIR SHOW.

"LOSING YOUR TEMPER CAUSES A LOT OF TROUBLE, BUT STAYING CALM SETTLES ARGUMENTS"
(PROVERBS 15:18 CEV).



4 Steps to Solving a Problem

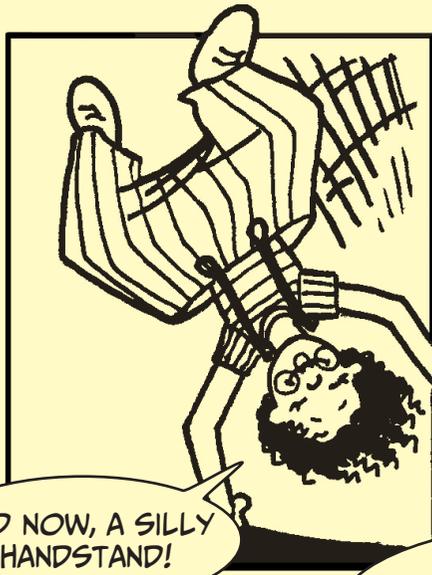
1.
STOP AND THINK ABOUT WHAT IS CAUSING THE PROBLEM.

2.
THINK OF A WAY TO FIX THE PROBLEM. ASK FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT.

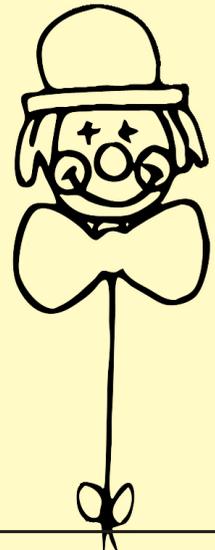
3.
ASK YOURSELF IF YOUR IDEA WILL FIX THE PROBLEM.

4.
CHOOSE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION, AND THEN DO IT!

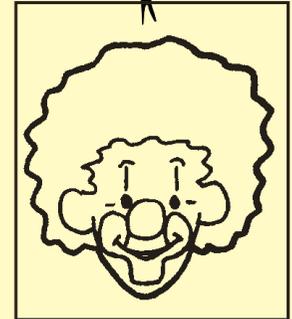
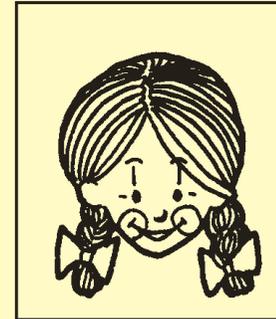




WHEN YOU HAVE A CONFLICT WITH A FRIEND OR BROTHER OR SISTER, INSTEAD OF ARGUING OR FIGHTING TO GET WHAT YOU WANT, TAKE TIME TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION. REMEMBER TO STOP AND THINK ABOUT WHAT IS CAUSING THE PROBLEM, AND THEN WORK TOGETHER TO FIND A GOOD SOLUTION. CALM DOWN, LISTEN TO EACH OTHER, AND WORK OUT THE PROBLEM. DON'T FORGET TO ASK FOR HELP IF YOU NEED IT.



AND THAT, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, WAS THE AMAZING CLOWN KIANA!



YOUR TIMES WITH OTHERS WILL BE HAPPIER IF YOU CAN LEARN TO WORK OUT DIFFERENCES AND PROBLEMS BY MAKING GOOD CHOICES TOGETHER.