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**So you must stop telling lies.  
Tell each other the truth  
because we all belong to each  
other in the same body.**

Ephesians 4:25

Gwen Raccoon loved Monday mornings. She loved them because Monday was the first school day of the week, and at school Gwen was known as *the* smartest fourth grader in Mulberry Meadow.

On this Monday morning, as Gwen and her older brother, Gus, gathered around the breakfast table, Mama made an announcement.

“I hope you both remember that tonight Papa and I have our cornhole game night. We’ll be hosting all of the Mulberry Meadow Cornhole Players out back.”

Gus rubbed his eyes and asked,  
“What time will it end?”

Mama set a bowl of berries on the table.  
“By 9:00, and you should both be in bed by then.”





Mama continued,  
“And, Gwen, before I forget,  
tomorrow’s your big math test.  
I know Papa’s been reminding you to study,  
but tonight’s your last chance, so  
no screens allowed!”

