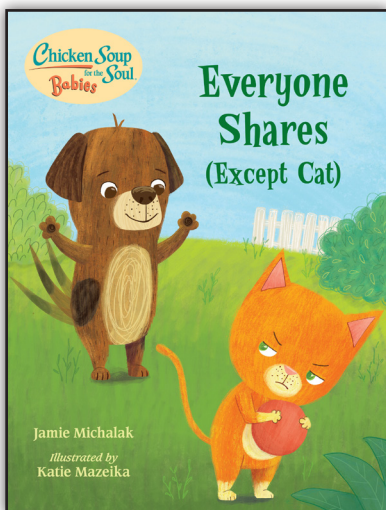


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Everyone Says Please (Except Cat)

Cat learns the magic in manners and the importance of saying please. Model good manners in front of your children with others, and when speaking with your children.

- Start small by teaching children to respond when spoken to. For example, when someone says hello, teach them to say hello in return.
- Relate manners to kindness, to help them understand why manners matter.
- Be patient and encourage good manners with positive reinforcement.

Everyone Shares (Except Cat)

Cat learns that some things are more fun when shared! Children may not fully understand the concept of sharing until the age of three. Encourage sharing in everyday activities with your child:

- Chat with your child about what activities work best when people share.
- Remember to model good sharing habits in front of your children with family, friends, and neighbors.
- Make a list of games and activities that wouldn't be as much fun without being shared with another person! (i.e. board games, card games, seesaws, sports).

Additional Resources:

"11 Ways to Teach Your Child to Share," Ask Dr Sears, <https://www.askdrsears.com/topics/parenting/discipline-behavior/morals-manners/11-ways-teach-your-child-share> "Sharing is Caring . . . and a Developmental Milestone," Great Kids, Inc., <https://www.greatkidsinc.org/sharing-is-caring-and-a-developmental-milestone/>



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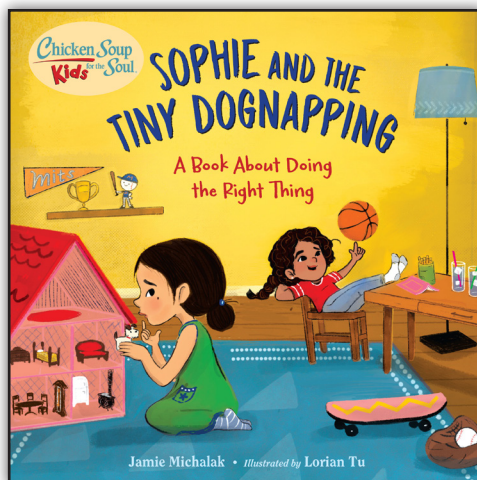


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The Sunshine Squad

The Sunshine Squad are a team of everyday superheroes who live and play together at 123 Sunshine Street—but Lucas's little brother Tommy is still figuring out his superpower.

- Chat with your child about what it means to be involved in and care for your community.
- Discuss community causes and different people's roles in your neighborhood or city.
- Make a list of things you can do in your community to spread sunshine.



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Sophie and the Tiny Dognapping

Sophie learns that everyone makes mistakes, and that she can still choose to do the right thing to fix them.

- Talk with your child about the importance of telling the truth.
- Ask your child how someone being dishonest would make them feel to help them understand the impact of honesty and dishonesty.
- Model honesty with your child, so that they can see you hold yourself accountable to the same values.
- Encourage your child to be honest even when they have done something they know they're not supposed to do.



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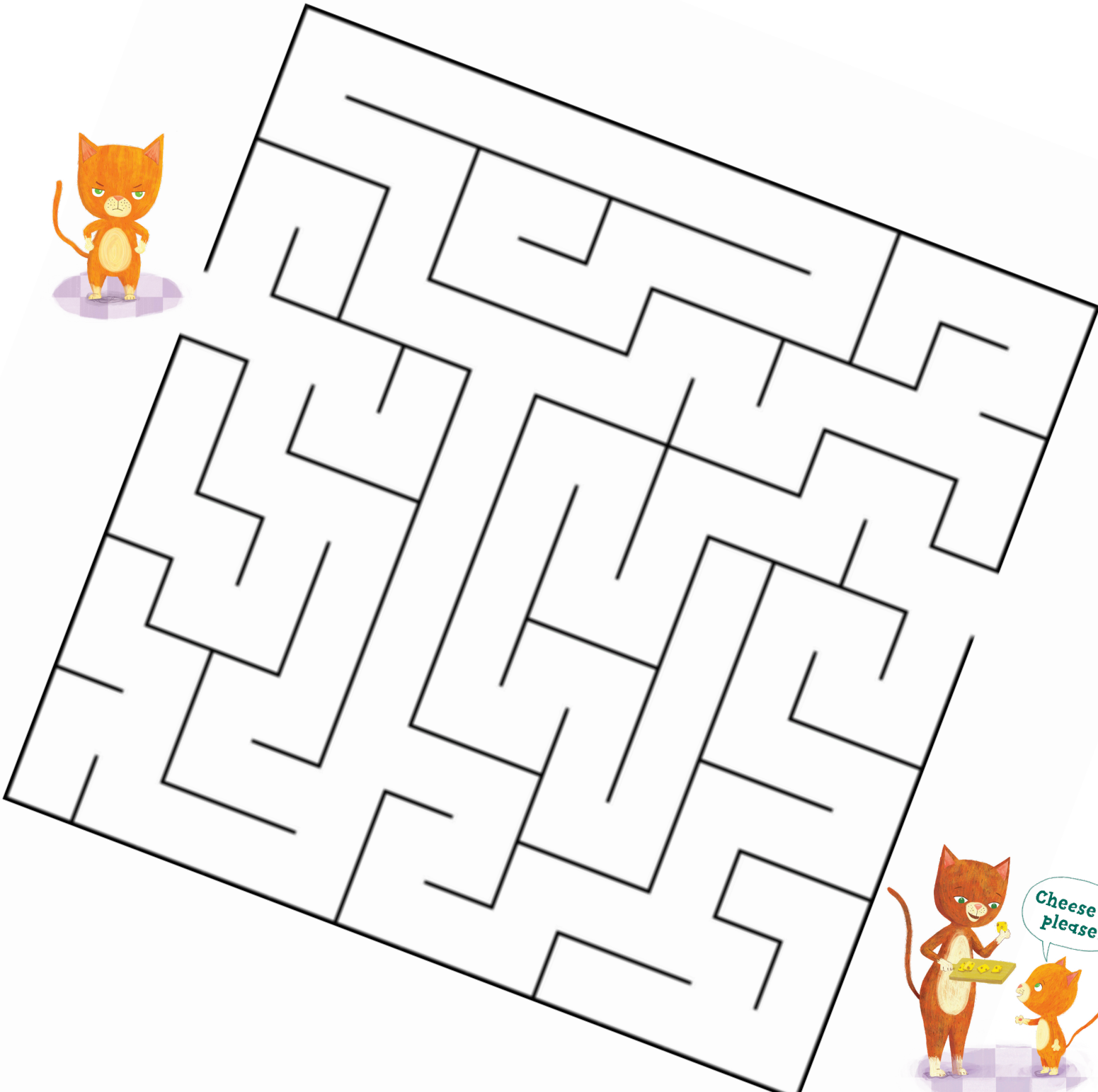
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Find the Cheese!



A Note to Parents

from the pages of *Everyone Says Please (Except Cat)*

Teaching your toddler manners means that you're also teaching them how their behavior affects others. A toddler might not grasp that others have feelings until 18 months or older.

Impart healthy habits!

- Model your own manners—say “please” and “thank you” and “excuse me” in front of your child.
- Teach your toddler to notice the color of people’s eyes so that they can practice making eye contact.
- Start very small and simple. Teach your child to say “hello” when someone says “hello” to them.
- Point out when someone gets hurt (feelings count too!) and how saying “I’m sorry” can make them feel better.



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A Note to Parents

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Did you know that your child may not fully grasp the concept of sharing until age three?

Introducing the concept of empathy—that others have feelings and wants too—can begin earlier.

Impart healthy habits!

- Have plenty of similar toys on hand so that substitutions between kids are easier.
- Encourage activities other than playing with toys—such as a dance party or kicking a ball around. Playground structures like a merry-go-round or seesaw are great for sharing!
- Model sharing behaviors yourself with neighbors or friends.



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Draw Your Superpower

Use the space below to draw yourself in your superhero costume, using your superpower to make the world a better place!

Superhero Line-Up

Draw a line to match each hero from the Sunshine Squad to their special power.

Mia



Oliver



Sophie



Tommy



Lucas



Helper

Skateboard
Tornado

Masked
Artist

Monster
Tamer

Master of
Surprise

Daily Suggestions

From the pages of *The Sunshine Squad* and *Sophie's Tiny Dognapping*.



Start Your Own Sunshine Squad!

Want to form your own Sunshine Squad of everyday heroes? Here's what to do:

1. Ask friends to be members.
2. Find a headquarters. It can be a stoop, a tree house, your bedroom, or anywhere you'd like! (Secret passwords are optional.)
3. Think of ways to spread sunshine in your own families, neighborhoods, and schools. (See the list at right for ideas.)
4. Add some fun! Make up nicknames for one another, a special squad handshake, or even a theme song.
5. Take the Sunshine Squad pledge:

I, [your name], promise to make the world a better place by helping others, being thoughtful, and spreading sunshine to those I meet. Because even the smallest act of kindness can make someone's day!

10 Things You Can Do to Spread Sunshine

(You might need a parent or caregiver's permission or help.)

- Donate toys you no longer play with to someone who might like them.
- Bake cookies for a neighbor
- Make a thank-you card for your teacher.
- Do your chores without being asked.
- Read a story to someone.
- Pick up trash around the neighborhood.
- Write happy messages on the sidewalk with chalk.
- Donate your old clothes to a charity.
- Make a bird feeder.
- Call or visit an elderly relative. They will love to hear your stories or see a piece of your artwork.

How else can YOU spread some sunshine?

