

TEACHING CHILDREN TO  
USE THEIR WORDS WISELY

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TEASING





I awoke to the day that was finally here.  
It was time to load up all the blankets and gear.

I helped Dad load the bikes. Annie helped load the tent.  
We all hopped in the van. Off for camping we went.

A colorful illustration of a family driving in a red car. The car is shown from a side profile, moving towards the right. A white bird with green wings and a yellow beak is flying out of the open driver-side window. Inside the car, a woman with brown hair is driving, and two children are in the back seat. The background features a bright sun with rays, a tall green pine tree, and rolling hills in shades of green, purple, and blue under a light blue sky with soft pink clouds. A bicycle wheel is visible in the top left corner.

Dad laughed as we drove, "Mom loves spiders and snakes.  
When she sees them she screams as she shivers and shakes."

"Who are you to poke fun?" Mom was starting to shout.  
"Just the site of a bug would cause Dad to pass out."



We arrived at the site. It was just before lunch.  
I looked forward to s'mores and their graham cracker crunch.

We all worked together to set up the tent  
in the bright morning sun and the fresh piney scent.



Mom snuck up behind Dad. In her hand was a worm.  
When she put it on Dad, he screamed as it squirmed.

Dad reached to remove it, "I don't find this funny."  
The worm jumped, then it landed on top of a bunny.

I laughed as Mom grinned. We exchanged a high five.  
Dad said, "That was so mean." And my sister just sighed.



While we all ate our lunch, I started to giggle when my sister screamed, "BUG!" and proceeded to wiggle.

Annie pointed and jumped. She stumbled and tripped, which threw her off balance, and that's when she slipped.



The bug ran for cover to get out of the way.  
But Annie fell on him. This just wasn't his day.

I thought it was funny when Mom had teased Dad.  
So I laughed and teased Annie, which made her get mad.