English Version - SSSSB Story 101a: Brother and Sister [5-12 years]



A brother and sister were talking at home.

The sister said, “Mom and Dad always give you more freedom. You can play outside longer, but I have to help with household chores. That's not fair!”

The brother replied, “But I feel the opposite. Mom and Dad help you more and take more care of you. Sometimes I feel like I have to do everything by myself.”

For a moment, they both sat quietly.

Then the sister said, “Maybe Mom and Dad know our strengths and weaknesses better than we do.”

The brother nodded. “That could be true. They love us both, even if they don't treat us exactly the same.”

Their mother overheard the conversation. She smiled and sat beside them.

“Every child is unique,” she said. “Sometimes we give more freedom, sometimes more guidance, and sometimes more responsibilities. We do this because each child needs different experiences to learn and grow. But our love for you is always the same.”

The brother and sister thought about her words.

The sister smiled and said, “I understand now. Mom and Dad are helping us become better people.”

“And instead of comparing ourselves,” added the brother, “we should trust them and do our best.”

They both felt happy in their hearts. They realized that parents often see things that children cannot yet see. Just as a teacher guides students with wisdom and love, parents guide their children toward what is best for them.

Question: Do you sometimes feel that your siblings gets something that you do not? Why do you think parents may treat different children differently?

Heart-Work: Whenever you think, "That's not fair!", pause and ask yourself: "Could my parents be helping me to learn something important? Describe one situation where you practiced this.

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