

# Tattling Tara

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Tara was a little bit naughty.  
She liked to get people in trouble.  
Whenever she saw someone doing something wrong, she tattled.

When her brother snuck a cookie before dinner, she tattled.  
“Mom, Dylan is getting a cookie!”  
Dylan got punished.



When Dad was watching sports instead of cutting the grass, she tattled.  
“Mom, Dad is watching more baseball!”  
Dad got a dirty look and a scolding from Mom.

When her classmate was playing a game instead of studying, she tattled.  
“Teacher, Casey is playing a game!”  
Casey lost her computer time for a week.

When her friend Joan took an extra snack at lunch, she tattled.  
“Ma’am, that girl over there took an extra snack.”  
Joan lost all of her snacks for the day.

When the boy on the bus wouldn’t sit down, she tattled.  
“Driver, Jacob is jumping around again!”  
Jacob had to sit up front for a week.



Tara liked to tattle.  
It was fun for her.  
Her friends and family hated it.  
She still had not learned when it was a good time to tell an adult.

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