

Good Consequences

"Hey, Mom?" May found Mom quickly moving in the kitchen. "Will you play with me?"

"Oh, honey, I wish I could! But I have so much to do today! I'm sorry!" Mom said as she shoved a pan in the cupboard.

"Wow," May thought to herself. *"Mom really does look busy. I bet she'd be so happy if I surprised her by cleaning too!"*

May hurried to the living room and picked up all the toys and put them away. Then she sped to the bathroom. She put the toothbrushes back in the drawer and wiped the toothpaste off the sink. Quick, quick, quick! Before Mom sees! May found it fun to clean as fast as she could to surprise Mom. There were dirty clothes scattered on the bathroom floor and in her own bedroom. May picked them up and ran them to the laundry room. She scurried back to her room and picked up as fast as she could. Oh! She couldn't wait to see the look on Mom's face!

Finally, Mom came around the corner and gasped.

"Oh my! It's so clean!" She exclaimed as she looked around the room.

"Yes! And I cleaned the living room and the bathroom too! Are you happy?" May asked.

"I am SO happy! Thank you, honey!" Mom sat on May's bed. "You know what? There's a consequence to every choice we make. The apostle Paul said, 'whatever a man soweth, he must also reap.' That means if you make a bad choice, the consequence isn't good. However... If you make a good choice, there are happy consequences! Because you cleaned up, I'm not busy anymore! We can play now!"

"Oh, yay!" May shouted! "Thanks, Mom!"

"No, thank you!" Mom hugged May. "Thank you for making a good choice!"