

It's For a Good Reason

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Our parents teach us not to steal. But, is it ever okay? One day, Max's mom was driving to work on a cold wintery day and she hit a patch of black ice. The car spun out of control and an ambulance needed to come and take her to the hospital. Lily had a bad concussion, she had a broken arm, and she had cuts and bruises all over her face. As a result of her injuries, she lost her job as a waitress and she spent two weeks in the hospital.

Soon after the car accident Max's dad, Pete found out that he got fired because the company was moving to another state. Pete worried about this family because he had to feed three children with no job. Max overheard his dad praying for food. So Max decided to help. The next day at lunch, he took an extra banana and apple for home. At snack, he took an extra milk and put it in his backpack. He knew this was wrong, but he felt desperate.

Later that night, he gave the milk to his baby brother Owen. He gave the apple to his sister Clair and he shared the banana with his dad.

His dad said, "Max where did you get this food?"

Max said, "I took it from school. I did it to help the family."

Max's dad said, "Thank you for helping, but it's wrong to steal. We have to do something to fix the situation. Maybe we can shovel the neighbors sidewalk to earn money for food."

His neighbor knew the family had gone through many hardships so they accepted Max's offer to help.

The next day, Max and Clair started shoveling the neighbor's sidewalk. Soon after that, his mom was healthy enough to look for a new job. Life was beginning to be brighter. Later that week, his dad found a job as a garbage man.

Even though stealing is wrong, Max stole for a good reason. Max learned that, in life, not everything is black and white.