A Soft Answer
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Based on a true story

1. Lizzie, give it back! I’m playing with it! No!

2. Girls, please stop fighting. Lizzie, you need to go to your room. Alice, I’d like to talk to you.

3. It’s not fair, Dad! I was playing with my unicorn, and Lizzie grabbed it. She always ruins things.

4. It’s tough to be a big sister. Do you know what helps me when I get mad?

What, Dad?

A scripture in the Bible. It says, “A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.”

This means that if you speak kindly and softly, angry people will feel calmer. If you speak rudely or shout at them, they will just get angrier.
Do you think that will work with Lizzie?

Next time, just try it and see what happens.

I want the fairy wings!

Lizzie, would you like to wear my crown? You can be a princess, and I'll be your fairy friend.

OK, I'll be a beautiful princess! Come on, your highness. Let's play!
Sometimes it is hard to remember to give a soft answer when you are angry. Ask a parent to help you cut out one of the soft-answer reminders. You can color it and tape it to a shirt, a door, a book, or wherever else you want to help you remember to give soft answers.
WHEN I AM BAPTIZED, I MAKE A COVENANT WITH GOD

“We believe that the first principles and ordinances of the Gospel are: first, Faith in the Lord Jesus Christ; second, Repentance; third, Baptism by immersion for the remission of sins; fourth, Laying on of hands for the gift of the Holy Ghost” (Articles of Faith 1:4).