Tiny Thoughts

... on working things out

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That Worked!
I like to play with my little sister.
Our favorite game is “Animals at Home.”
We build Lego houses for our toy animals.
But, my little sister always wants the same things that I have.
When I reach over to get a piece of Lego, she wants it too.
If I want to play with the toy puppy, she wants it as well.
That really bothers me. What can we do to work this out?
I know, I’ll tell Mom that my sister is bothering me. She’ll take care of it.
“Hmm,” Mom says, “It’s not fair to give me your problem. I’ve already got lots of problems to take care of. I think that you can come up with a solution.”
But, I don’t know how to work out this problem. I can’t tell my sister what to do because she never listens to me.
Hmm..., I could try pinching her. Oh no! I’ve tried that one before and it didn’t work out very well for me.
I could grab the toy that I want to have. No! I think I’ve tried that too, and I didn’t like how that turned out either.
Maybe I could find her something that she likes, and exchange it with her.
“Sister, would you like to play with this monkey? He can climb this tree. Look!
Then, I can go with the puppy to visit your zoo.”
“Ok!” she said, “That sounds like fun!”
Hey, that worked out well. Maybe I should try that more often!
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