

Rusty
& Rita Play
Together



It was Saturday, and Rusty was building a spaceship in his room when his mother came in with his younger sister, Rita.



“Rusty, I am going outside to work in the garden. Would you please let Rita come and play with you?”

“Yes, Mom, I will. But I am worried that Rita will break my spaceship.”

“I understand, Rusty. Could you put your spaceship away for now and play with different toys?”

“Well, I guess so.”

“OK then,” said Mom, “I’ll be outside if you need me.”



“OK, Rita,” said Rusty, “What do you want to play with?”

“Trucks,” said Rita.

“All right, you can have the blue truck, and I’ll have the yellow truck.”

Rusty and Rita played with the trucks for a while.
Rita started driving her truck very fast, and she
rammed the truck right into
Rusty’s leg.



“Ow, that hurt,” said Rusty. Rusty wanted to hit Rita back, but he decided not to. Instead, he said, “Rita, please don’t hit me with the truck.”

“Sorry, Rusty,” said Rita. “I’ll try not to.” They played a little longer, and then BAM! Rita banged her truck into Rusty’s leg again.

“Rita” said Rusty, “I asked you not to hit me with the truck and you did it anyway. Let’s go see Mom.” Rusty and Rita walked outside to see their mom.





“Mom,” said Rusty. “Rita hit me with the truck. I asked her to stop, and she did it again. I don’t want to play with her.”

“Rusty, that must have hurt,” said Mom. “Rita, you cannot hit or hurt your brother. You made his leg hurt.”

“Rusty, I am glad you told me what happened instead of hitting your sister back. Why don’t you go back inside and work on your spaceship? I’ll let Rita garden with me.”

“Thanks, Mom.” said Rusty.

Rusty

the Respectful
Raccoon



Meet Rusty.
He likes to be respectful.
Every day he tries to:

- Be kind to his friends and family.
- Use good manners.
- Not hit or hurt.
- Talk about his problems.