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# Learn to Share



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*For God loves a cheerful giver.*  
—2 Corinthians 9:7

# Begin Reading



I'm Sister Bear. I'm here to say that what I like to do is **PLAY**.





I run.

I skip.

I jump.

I climb.

I have myself a great old time!

Who's the one I play with best, pray and sing with more than  
the rest?



Just turn the page and you will see my favorite playmate—  
*little me!*



It's lots of fun to play you see. I ask my dolls to come to tea.



I have my games all to myself, and every toy on each big shelf.  
But Mama says almost every day, “Take time to share. Take  
time to pray.”



But there are times I do not care. My things are mine! They  
aren't to share!  
I take each turn on my red truck.



I do not share my pull-toy duck.



I say inside, “It’s all mine!” But then I wonder, is that kind?



Is this the way that I should be? A bear that only thinks of me?



One is fun, but it is true that many games are best with two.



When I am sure I need another, I go look for my big brother.



We play checkers,  
beanbags,

pick-up-sticks.

Spending time with Brother I get my kicks.



Look! Here come Liz and Bob and Clem. Now we can share with *all* of them.



I ride Bob's bike. He rides my trike. It's great. We share and share alike.





So, sharing's fun. It's good to do, and lots of times—it's easy, too.

And if you share it's also true your fellow bear will share with you!



We share our time when we're together. We run, we hide, skip stones—whatever.

We share our books.

We trade our cards.

We visit one another's yards.

Now we are more than three or four. We're five, six, seven, and lots, lots more!

Here come Millie, Mike, and Nat. Anna May has brought her cat.



Here comes Fred with Snuff, his terrier! This way, friends! The more the merrier!  
This way, cubs! Come one! Come all! We'll choose up sides to play baseball.



A game of ball is lots of fun. We pitch. We bat. Look! Too-Tall hit a big home run!

It works out well if you can share your playthings with your fellow bear.

The ball is mine. It's Freddy's bat. Lizzy brought a glove and hat.



She'll share her hat but not her glove. Uh-oh! Fred gives her a little shove.

We all saw that little shove! It was not showing God's care and love.



Soon, there are lots of arguments.



Of course, I put in *my* two cents.



This is not the way. It's not right! We should all be sharing,  
not in a fight.  
And so to keep the peace between us, all our friends go home.



“Please think of Jesus. He would want us to share and show we love our fellow bear.”

Meanwhile, friends, it's still today. And there is still some time to play. So turn the page, and you will see...



Brother, will you play with me?





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