**HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY** by Alisha

A few days ago, I didn't do my homework and I didn't want to get a detention, so I decided not to go to school and pretend to be sick.

In the morning, my mum came to wake me up, so I started pretending to be sick. I told her that I am having a very strong stomachache. Mum told me to sleep, and also told me that we would go to the hospital when my younger sister leaves for school. At that moment, I was getting nervous, so I tried to avoid going to the hospital by saying “Maybe I should only get a little bit of rest by staying at home”. However, my mom disagreed with me and asked me to get an appointment from the hospital by calling them.

At 1:00 P.M, my younger sister had gone to school and mum asked me to get ready as the appointment was at 1:30 P.M. I got ready and went to sit on the sofa and started to think of another excuse to avoid going to the hospital while my mom was getting ready. We were leaving when our home's telephone rang, it was my elder sister's teacher. The teacher said that she needed to meet her parents right now in the school. Then mum asked me to go and take rest so she goes to change the appointment time to later that day.

At night, my mum was busy cooking so my sister took me to the hospital. On the way, I told her that I was just pretending to be sick because I didn't finish my homework and I didn't want a detention. So, I made up this story to avoid the detention. At that time, my sister advised me to tell mom the truth because lying is a bad deed. I agreed and got confident, and told everything to mom.

Hearing all this, although I did a bad deed by lying, my mum didn't scold me because at least at the end, I told her everything. At the end, she told me to never lie again because Honesty is the Best Policy.

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