

# GETTING ALONG



Living the Good News  
Proper 18 – A

One day Jesus was talking to his disciples, the friends who listened to him teach. One of his friends asked, “Jesus, you tell us to love one another, but what do we do if we are **ANGRY?**”

Jesus did not say, “Do not be angry.”

Jesus did not say, “You cannot ever quarrel.”

Instead, Jesus said, “If your friend does something that hurts you or makes you sad, **TALK TO YOUR FRIEND** all by

yourself. Tell your friend what is **WRONG.**”

“But what if my friend won’t listen to me?” asked Jesus’ friend. “What do I do then?”

“Then,” Jesus answered, “take someone else with you. Maybe your friend will listen to both of you together.”

“But,” the disciple said, “what if my friend still won’t listen?”

Jesus said, “Then you need even more help. You can always ask for help if you are having trouble with a friend.”





# WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

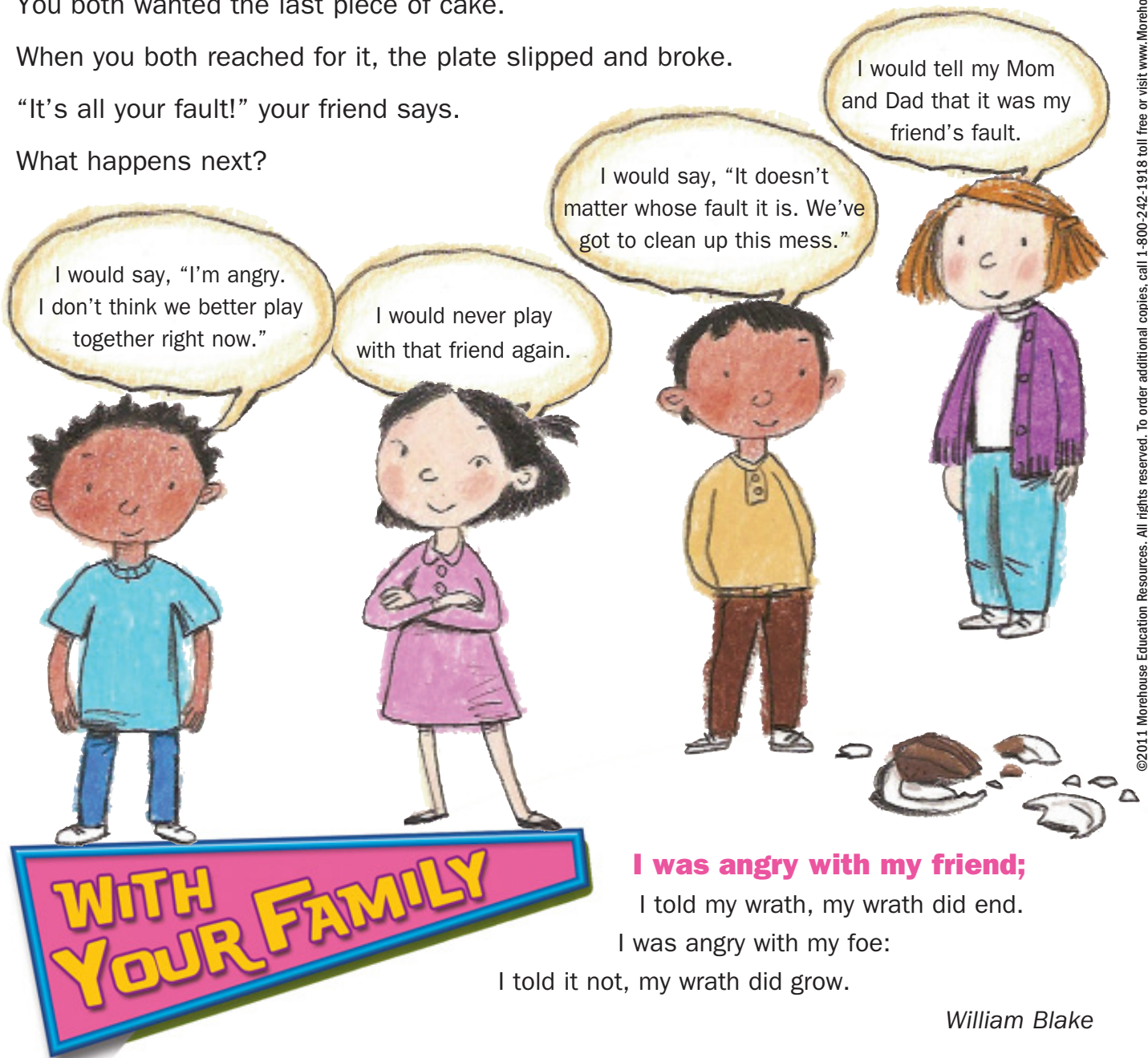
You didn't mean to do it.

You both wanted the last piece of cake.

When you both reached for it, the plate slipped and broke.

"It's all your fault!" your friend says.

What happens next?



**I was angry with my friend;**

I told my wrath, my wrath did end.

I was angry with my foe:

I told it not, my wrath did grow.

*William Blake*

Read this poem with your family. What do you think? When you're angry with a friend, is it better to say how you feel or keep it to yourself?

Try roleplaying both ideas with your family.