

**Tiny
Thoughts**



Turtle Trouble

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Mom asked
me why the
floor in my room
was all wet.



*“I don’t
know.”
I said.*



Mom then saw the bucket I had hidden in the bathtub. "What's this bucket doing here?" she asked.



"I don't
know." I
said.



Mom then picked up the turtle I had hidden in the bathtub. "And what's this turtle doing here?" she asked.



*"I don't
know." I
said.*



“Buckets and turtles don’t just get into the bathtub on their own.” said mom.



I found the
turtle in the garden,
and was getting him
some water, but then
I spilled the water all
over the floor.



*I don't want any
more time-outs.
I don't want mom
to be upset.*



So I told mom
that I wasn't
going to put
turtles in the
bathtub anymore.



*But she wasn't
upset about the
turtle; she was
unhappy because I
didn't tell her the
truth.*



*“I would have
helped care for
the turtle.”
said mom.*



*Think! Think!
Think!*

Oh, I get it!



Telling the
truth works much
better than lying.
I'll try that next
time.



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