

The Tickling Game

Mum had to go to a meeting and Ben was coming over to babysit Daniel. While Daniel really liked Ben because he was good fun and he always brought treats, he didn't like it when he played the tickling game. Sometimes Ben tickled him so much it made his tummy feel sick. Mum told Daniel to get into his pyjamas before Ben arrived and reminded him to brush his teeth before he went to bed. When Ben arrived he had a bag of sweets and a new DVD that they could watch. Ben let him stay up late to watch the end of the DVD. When the movie was over Ben started to giggle and said, "Right Daniel, tickling time". Daniel jumped off the couch as Ben caught him and started to tickle him. At first it was fun and Daniel giggled and laughed but then Ben did something that he never did before. He started to tickle him on the private parts of his body – all around his bottom and his penis. Daniel didn't like it at all and he wriggled away from him. Ben said, "Oops,

Daniel! Sorry if I hurt you. I was just playing a game". Ben told Daniel it was time for bed then. Daniel got into bed and as Ben tucked him in he said, "Let's keep our tickling game a secret and next time I will bring over your favourite sweets". As Daniel lay in bed he wondered what he should do. Then he remembered what teacher had told him, that he should never keep any touch a secret.

Just then Daniel heard his Mum arrive home. He heard her get out of the car and open the front door. She chatted to Ben for a minute and then he heard her say, "Goodnight Ben", as she closed the front door. Daniel heard Mum come up the stairs. She came into his room and said, "I cannot believe you're still awake", when she saw Daniel sitting up in his bed. "I couldn't sleep", he said. "Why could you not sleep, Daniel?" Mum asked. "Because I really want to tell you something", said Daniel. Daniel told Mum about the 'tickling' game and what Ben had done and how Ben wanted him to keep it all a secret. Mum sat down on the bed beside Daniel and gave him a big hug. She told him that she was very glad that he had not kept Ben's secret, that what Ben had done was wrong and that she would never again ask Ben to mind him. Mum sat with him until he fell asleep

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