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Dongdong has a little kitten. Dongdong and Kitty are great friends.
One day, Dongdong stands on a stool to help himself to the biscuits in the tin.
Oh dear! The vase is broken. Kitty is so frightened she miaows.
Dongdong looks at the broken vase. He is very scared.
“Who broke the vase?”

his mother asks.
“Kitty did,” answers Dongdong. He doesn’t dare look his mother in the face.
Mama catches Kitty and wants to give her away.
Kitty is put in a basket. She keeps saying “Miaow” sadly.
Dongdong throws himself into his mother’s arms. He admits that he broke the vase.
Mama tells Dongdong that he must not tell lies, then lets Kitty out of the basket.
Another day Kitty takes a fish on the sly and breaks a bowl.
Kitty stays very calm and pretends she has done nothing wrong.
Dongdong does not know what to do. He is worried that Kitty really might be given away this time.
“I broke the bowl,” he says. “Don’t blame it on Kitty, Mum.”
Mama looks at Dongdong, then at Kitty. “What do you think we ought to do?” she seems to be thinking.
Dongdong picks Kitty up and won’t let his mother put her in the basket. “Don’t give her away,” he says.
Mother strokes Kitty and says, “That depends on whether you’re going to behave yourself now.”
“Don’t steal any more fish,” says Dongdong crossly to Kitty.
Mama gently says to Dongdong, “Never tell a lie, there’s a good boy.”
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