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Who Carries? Who Arranges?

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Sami's family was getting ready for a picnic. Sami, who was five, reached for the basket. "I'll carry it too!" said his seven-year-old sister, Maryam.



They each grabbed one handle. The basket tilted, and apples almost rolled out. “Stop,” their father said. “Everyone does not need the same job. What does the whole picnic need?”



Sami carried the mat. His sister Maryam held the basket. Their four-year-old sister Hanaa said, “I can’t carry that.” Their mother gave her the napkins, and their father took the cups.



At the park, Sami tried to spread the mat by himself. One corner flew up. Maryam caught a corner, Hanaa set the napkin box on another, and their father held the fourth.



Maryam arranged the food. Sami put the cups beside the water jug. Hanaa placed one napkin at every spot. "My job is finished!" she announced. Every job protected something.



“I thought carrying the basket was the strongest job,” Sami said. “Without the mat, the food would still be inside it,” Maryam replied. Hanaa waved a napkin and laughed. The family sat together.

Different Strengths, One Shared Task

Question: What job was each child able to do?

Activity: Name one thing you can safely carry or arrange. Choose a real job that fits your ability, and ask an adult for help with anything too heavy.

For the grown-up: Do not turn different roles into a ranking of worth. Name the need each job protected, and change a job when it does not fit the child's ability. An adult supervises carrying and food setup.

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