



The Story's Message

Knock Knock

This book discusses how a child acts on impulse. There may be a time when your child has good intentions, even though it may not always be the safest action to take at that moment. While at home, doors should always be locked to keep anyone from just walking in. The *Knock Knock* story puts emphasis on the importance of checking to see **who** is at the door **before** unlocking to open it.

Safety Tips for Children

- Always go get a parent or adult when someone knocks on the door of your house.
- Never open the door by yourself.
- When the door is opened, always stand behind and out of the way while the adult is talking to the visitor.
- If you are asked to back away from the door, always listen to the adult's instructions.
- Do **not** unlock the front or back door to your house unless asked to do so by your parent or caretaker.
- **Never** answer questions or even speak to a person you do not know through the door.

Tips for Parents/Guardians

- Remember, let your children know **where** they can look to see **who** is knocking or ringing the doorbell. Most young children become excited and curious when visitors come to the door.
- Always check to see **who** is at the door **before** you unlock and open it. If you do not **know** the person or feel safe answering the door, **don't do it**, and ask them to leave.
- If you do not like people coming to your home to try to sell you something at your front door, put a sign on it which says, "No Soliciting." This may not stop it; however, if you do not open the door, they will know why and, hopefully leave.
- Make sure your children are behind you when you open the door.
- Explain to your children **why** this is to protect their safety and security. They will want to know **why**, and it will make it easier for them to understand and follow this important house rule.
- Parents should communicate and reinforce each of these rules to babysitters or other family members who may watch your children when you are not home. This way, the rules are always the same, so they won't get confused or ever make exceptions to the rules.
- Don't let these lessons be a one-time conversation. These rules should be **discussed** and **reinforced** several times as the child becomes older and begins to face new challenges.

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