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**Don’t make your brother stumble**

One magical night a long time ago, a forgetful shoe maker accidently left out a pair of unfinished shoes. Then came a long a pair of naked elves who decided that maybe if they could become good at making beautiful shoes they could become great. So, they finished cobbling the shoes, and when they were done, oh were they fine.

So in the morning when the shoe maker awoke, he went down to his work shop and found a finished pair of beautiful shoes. He showed his wife and they were both very confused upon who could have finished them. But, then his wife had an idea to leave out some more leather and see if whoever finished them the first time came back. So with the money they were able to make from selling the gorges shoes they bought just enough leather for four pairs of shoes. And, that night the elves came back again and continued to improve their skill. And, this kept going on for awhile until the wife became very curious about who could be making such lovely shoes. So, she said to her husband “let us wait up and see who comes and makes the shoes.” So, they waited by the light of a candle to see who was doing it.

And, boy were they surprised to see that it was two little naked elves that were coming in at night and cobbling the shoes. In the morning after the wife said dejectedly “I feel so sad for those little elves and how they have no clothes, I think I will make them some!” Later that night after she had made two cute little outfits, they waited and watched to see what the elves would do. When the elves found the clothes, which were lying on the work bench, they were very excited. When they put them on and saw how good they looked they said to each other “now we are too great to make shoes, for now we have clothes.” So they left and never came back. And soon after the shoe makers feel into ruin because they no longer had beautiful shoes to sell. So you can see that it is only hurtful to cause others to become prideful like the elves.