

## The Little Red Hen by Lucinda McQueen

The little red hen finds none of her lazy friends is willing to help her plant, harvest, or grind wheat into flour, but all are eager to eat the bread she makes from it.

Use this story to start a conversation with your child about cooperation. Getting children to help around the house can become a nagging battle. The following strategies from University of Illinois Parenting 24/7 can help you gain cooperation from your children without nagging.

- Offer a choice. "You can pick up toys now or before supper."
- Use humor. "Toys, what are you still doing out? Have you lost your way? Billy, the toys need your help to get back to their shelf."
- Make it a game. "How fast can you pick up? I'll time you!"
- Play music, sing, dance, and tell stories while you work.
- Credit accomplishments. "You are such a help to me. Thank you." Give hugs and rewards. "Let's have 2 stories tonight."

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