There once was a little boy name Jonny (place Jonny on the felt board).

One day, Jonny was getting ready for school. He really wanted to take his new spaceship to school (place the spaceship on the felt board).

But his mom said he wasn’t allowed to take it to school. Jonny decided to put his spaceship in his backpack anyway. Without Jonny even noticing, the Lie Monster appeared (place the Lie Monster on the felt board).

He followed Jonny up the stairs into the kitchen. “Are you all ready for school?” Jonny’s mom asked.

“Yep!” said Jonny, trying to avoid looking at his mom.

“Did you leave your spaceship downstairs like I told you?”

“Yes, mom,” Jonny lied, looking at the ground. Suddenly, a big long tentacle appeared on the Lie Monster (place the first tentacle onto the Lie Monster)

“Okay, thank you,” Jonny’s mom said. “Have a good day!”

Jonny slipped out the front door with the Lie Monster right on his heels.

When Jonny got to school, the tip of his spaceship was poking out of his bag. Suddenly, his teacher, Miss Wamsley called him to her desk.

“Jonny, did you bring a toy to school today?”

Jonny was scared that his teacher might call his mom if he told her the truth. ”No,” he replied quietly. Another long tentacle appeared on the Lie Monster (add another tentacle to the Lie Monster)

Miss Wamsley looked at him for a looooong time. Finally, she said, “Well, okay. Have a seat and work on your reading.”

At recess, Jonny left his spaceship in his backpack because he didn’t want Miss Wamsley to see. He went straight to the corner of the playground where no one could find him. But the Lie Monster knew where he was. He sat right next to him on the cold grass.

“Hey Jonny!” He turned to see his best friend Seth running towards him.

“Did you bring your new spaceship?” Seth asked as he plopped down on the grass next to Jonny. “I want to see it.”

“No!” Jonny replied angrily. “I didn’t bring it to school. I’m not supposed to bring toys to school.” A third tentacle appeared on the Lie Monster (add another tentacle).

“Go away,” Jonny yelled, turning away from Seth.
Seth walked away with his shoulder slumped. Jonny was quiet for the rest of school as the Lie Monster followed him around all day. He walked home a lot slower, feeling yucky inside.

When he got home, his older sister, Kelly, was sitting at the kitchen table doing her homework.

“Hi Jonny!” Jonny didn’t reply. He and the Lie Monster walked over to the fridge.

“Mom told me to help you with your homework before dinner,” Kelly said. Before he could say anything, she grabbed Jonny’s backpack and opened it up. His spaceship fell to the ground.

“Did you take your spaceship to school?” she asked surprised.

“No! Just leave me alone!” Jonny screamed as he ran out of the room. Another tentacle appeared on the Lie Monster.

During dinner, Jonny was very quiet. “How was your day?” Jonny’s dad asked.

“Fine,” Jonny mumbled.

“You seem sad. Did something happen today?” his dad asked.

“No,” Jonny lied. Another tentacle appeared.

Everyone was quiet. “Are you sure this isn’t about your spaceship?” Jonny’s mom questioned.

“NO!” Jonny yelled and ran up the stairs with the Lie Monster following close behind.

Jonny sat in his bedroom crying. The Lie Monster was sitting on his bed next to him. Jonny couldn’t handle it anymore. The more he lied about the spaceship, the worse he felt. He decided to make things right.

Jonny went downstairs to the dinner table. “Mom, dad, Kelly, I’m sorry. I lied about my spaceship. I did take it to school.” Suddenly, four of the tentacles fell off the lie monster.

Jonny was feeling better already. “Thanks for telling us the truth Jonny,” his mom said.

The next day, Jonny apologized to Miss Wamsley and Seth. The last two tentacles fell off and the Lie Monster disappeared. From that day forward, Jonny tried his very best to always tell the truth.