

Moments later there was a knock at the front door ... and you can guess who was there. She took the misbehaving — and very surprised — child home and made him go to his own room. The child paid the baby-sitter out of his own allowance.

This kind of training session sends a powerful message: Children are responsible for their own actions, and you are expected to behave the same in public as at home. The problem was handed back to the person who caused it, and he was on his best behavior at the next family celebration.

Kids who have loving limits learn to love themselves. This child — and yours — will have a much better time during the holidays and throughout the year when discipline is consistent, logical, and provided with love.

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