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The Big Fib

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A little girl who accidentally breaks the cookie jar soon finds herself spinning stories about what happened. Watch out, says her listening mother, "the first lie's the trigger. Your fib will get bigger and bigger and bigger." And it's true—the little girl's lies get more and more fantastic, until she feels ashamed enough to tell the truth. Her mother forgives her and offers her a way to earn money to replace the cookie jar—and to "learn the importance of the actions you choose." The rhyme and rhythm soften this book's message, and the illustrations make the serious topic both bright and fun. For ages three and up.

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