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Pirate Training



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Synopsis

On a pirate ship, apprentices discover that earning respect requires the courage to set boundaries and overcome manipulation on the high seas.



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AGE	CATEGORY	READING TIME
4-10 years	Adventure	6 min

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Aboard the ship *Valiant of the Seas*, Captain Silverbeard gathers his recruits under the sea breeze. With his spyglass in hand, he announces:

— "To become a respected pirate, it’s not enough to wield a sword or read a map. Today, we’ll learn how to lead—and how to ensure you’re never manipulated while on board!"





Day 1 – During a lesson on tying sailor’s knots, little Pedro tries to pressure Cadu into giving up his lucky compass:
— "If you were my friend, you’d do it."
Captain Silverbeard steps in, places a hand on Cadu’s shoulder, and teaches:
— "Friendship isn’t an obligation, sailor! You can say: 'I’m your friend, but I don’t want to do that.'"



Day 2 – While adjusting the sails, Pedro demands that Cadu climb to the top of the mast all by himself:

— "If you don’t do it, I won’t play with you anymore."

The Pirate Master intervenes:

— "That’s pressure! No one should have to do something they don’t want to just to fit in with the group. Friendship shouldn’t depend on threats."



Day 3 – Near the ship’s hold, Sofia whispers into Marina’s ear after hiding the key to a treasure chest:

— "Don’t tell anyone."

Noticing the frightened look on Marina’s face, the Pirate Master advises:

— "Not all secrets are harmless. If a secret causes fear, sadness, shame, or discomfort, it should be shared with an adult."



Day 4 – While scrubbing the deck, several recruits toss buckets of water into the sea and shout to Lucas:
— "Everyone else is doing it!" The Captain walks firmly and teaches:
— "When a child wants to belong, this phrase carries weight. Remember: 'Even if everyone else is doing it, I can choose not to.'"



Day 5 – During wooden-sword practice, Pedro strikes Lucas’s arm hard and laughs:
— "It was just a game!"
The Captain holds his sword and warns:
— "Playing is no excuse for hurting someone! If someone has asked you to stop, or if they’ve become sad or afraid, then it’s no longer a game."



Day 6 – As they head toward the boat, Sofia pulls at Marina upon seeing her wave to another peer:

— "If you play with him, you’re no longer my friend."

The Pirate Master adjusts the rudder and explains:

— "Friendship is not about possession! A child can have many friends and play with different peers."



Day 7 – While trying to read the treasure map, Cadu misreads the route, and Pedro mocks him:

— "You can’t do it! You’re no good at this!"

The Pirate Master kneels beside Cadu and says to everyone:

— "Words can also be used to manipulate. A child doesn’t need to prove anything to be accepted."



With the training complete, the Captain gathers his apprentices at sunset and declares:

— "To ensure you are never manipulated again and can steer your own rudder, learn these three phrases: 'I don’t want to.' 'Stop. I don’t like that.' 'I’m going to get an adult.'"



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