

#131 The First Reasoning

A four-year-old named Mikey was walking with his grandmother and older brother. Grandmother was walking the older brother to school, but Mikey was too young, so he just came along for the fun. As Mikey looked up at the Sun, he mentioned out loud that the Sun was shining on him in order to make him warm. His older brother was quick to correct, explaining that the Sun is not alive and that it cannot, therefore, do anything for him on purpose. His brother further explicated that when Mikey could REASON for himself, he would understand such things. Mikey looked up at his grandmother, staring into her face to see if this

could possibly be true. His grandmother was wise. She just smiled until the older brother went into the school. Then she told Mikey that his older brother was quite right about reasoning. She confirmed that Mikey would also learn to reason as he grew up. But then she bent down and whispered in a very excited tone, "But when you get to be my age, you'll think that maybe Mikey knows something, too!"

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