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The Name Game

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Ron: Ron, Ron, bo Bon, Bonana fanna fo Fon...Okay, you know what I'm doing. I'm playing the name game. Well, stepfamilies play a different name game.

Announcer: For FamilyLife Blended®, here's Ron Deal.

Ron: You know the terms people use to refer to one another really matter. A stepparent would love to be called "Mom" or "Dad," but children may feel uncomfortable calling them that. Or over time they may start using that term once they feel close to the stepparent. On the other hand, kids don't want to hurt the feelings of their biological parents so they may use one term in public and another in private.

So, parents, here's what you do. Give children your permission to use the labels that are most comfortable to them. Don't force them to use your label. Be okay with theirs. Unless, of course, it's "Fee fy mo Mon, Ron!" For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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