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Ron: When the cat's away, the mice will...try to play the other parent, that's what!

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

Ron: You know, in a lot of families one parent has to travel from time to time. It could be a business trip, visiting family, or a military deployment. And sometimes, one kid tries to play the parent left in charge. This would happen to my wife when I was away for work. So, what do you do?

Well, like us, a number of things: Make sure you're on the same page about rules and communicate to the kids your expectation that they cooperate with the remaining parent—who is fully in charge. By the way, this is really important in stepfamilies if the biological parent is the one leaving the home. Then, parent in charge, stand your ground, and follow through. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

Announcer: To find out more visit familylifeblended.com.

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