



**Not Always Saying What I Am Thinking**



Sometimes it is not nice or polite to say what I may be thinking. It may hurt someone's feelings if I would do that.



Like here in this picture for instance; my Mom is asking to take my picture and I just want to be left alone and play Jimmy Neutron.



If I would say, "Mom, go away!!" that would not be very nice or polite of me and my Mom would not be happy that I said that like that. That would be considered as being rude or mean to someone.



But if I would be nice and polite and say, “Mom, could you please take my picture later? Mom would be much happier that I was nice and polite and that I did not say what I was actually thinking.



I need to think this same way when my friends come to play. For Instance; if I am playing on Nintendo or a fun computer game, I do not tell my friends to "Go Away!!" when they come over to play, because I am thinking I want to continue playing my game. This would hurt my friend's feelings and be considered rude or mean.



I could be nice and polite and say, "Thank you for coming! I can play my game later and I will play with you now." Then all my friend's would be happy and want to come back to play with me again.