

# A Good Family Name

Although they were poor, Li and his brothers were taught family pride from a young age. Li learned an important lesson one day when he took his friend's new toy car. He told his niang (mother) he had found it on the street, but she knew he wasn't telling the truth. She was so ashamed. She marched Li back to his friend's house to return the car and to apologize.

*"Despite our poverty,  
our parents always  
taught us to have...  
honesty and pride."*

—Li Cunxin



**apologize** to say you are sorry

Traditionally, family life has always been very important to Chinese people. Children have great respect for their parents. As Li was growing up, he knew that his *niang* and *dia* (father) went without many things so they could provide for their seven sons.



Li is second from the left in the above photograph. He is pictured with his mother and six brothers.

**respect** placing a high value on someone or something