

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah #39 Chukkat: Statutes, Regulations
B'midbar (Numbers) 19:-22:1
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Numbers 20:7-12 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink. And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him. And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; must we fetch you water out of this rock? And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also. And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.

Has your parents ever told you to do something like, take out the trash or something right while you were in the middle of watching your favorite show or playing your favorite video game? You get mad but yet you know you should obey your parents so you huff and puff and angrily do your chore so as to obey, but your actions you make it clear you don't like it one bit. And did you get punished for that? Like you get grounded from watching TV or playing video games, you may wonder why. Well, you can fulfill it on the outside and not fulfill it on the inside by not having a good attitude. It's as if you never did as you were told in the first place. That's kind of what happened to Moshe and Aaron and thus they were punished by not being permitted to go into the Promised Land.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
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