

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah # 50 Ki Tavo "When you come"
Devarim (Deuteronomy) 26:1-29:8
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Kids, have you ever wondered why when you were caught doing something bad or breaking some rule that even though you said you were sorry you still got spanked or grounded?

Well, just because we say we are sorry doesn't mean we truly are. Maybe we are only sorry we got caught. Even if you do mean it, saying sorry doesn't change what you did wrong.

For instance, let's say you get caught stealing. Saying sorry doesn't replace what you stole. Only you giving back the stolen item or purchasing another one if you broke what you stole does. This is called "Tikkun" or making right what was wrong. And sometimes another punishment comes along with it, like a spanking or grounding as a reminder never to steal again.

This is what this week's Torah portion is all about, realizing there are consequences or "curse" for sin. Sin is disobeying or breaking Torah (I Jn. 3:4). And there are blessings or rewards and benefits for obeying the Torah.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
-- Yehudah ben Shomeyr