RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah # 13: Shemot "Names"
Shemot / Exodus 1:1-6:1
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Ex. 2:11-15 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to slay Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and dwelt in the land of Midian: and he sat down by a well.

Have you ever been playing a game at home, in the neighborhood or at school and someone has been constantly cheating? You yell, "Hey! That's not fair!"

But have you ever got so mad you actually pushed or hit the cheater? No matter if the cheater was wrong if an adult saw it the cheaters actions would quickly be forgotten about and you would be the one who got in trouble for fighting.

This is sort of like what happened to Moshe (Moses). It is a very holy thing to be upset when someone does wrong, like cheats in a game; but our holiness can quickly turn into evil if we don't allow God to help us control our actions.

Be ye angry, and sin not…- Eph. 4:26

If Moshe didn't end up killing that Egyptian, who knows, he could have convinced the Pharaoh to let his people Israel go sooner!

And when we get mad at something that's not fair, instead of yelling or fighting about it, we might be able to talk it over nicely with the person who has done wrong or we can get a grown up to help solve the problem without you doing something wrong.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
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