

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah # 4: Vayeira: "And He Appeared"
B'reshit (Genesis) 18:1-22:24
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Have you ever went on vacation with your best friend and went to a house of a friend or relative of a best friend? If so, do you remember how glad people were to meet you and how they made you feel welcome and a part of their family? Or have you ever had someone new in your home and you welcomed them with smile and cooked supper for them and allowed them the best you had to offer? This is Hospitality. This is Kindness.

Have you ever been nice or did something or gave something to a total stranger just to be nice? Remember how good it felt?

Has anyone been nice or done something for you because they remembered something you did for them one time? Well, it happens and this is what this week's Torah portion is all about. Lot and his family were hospitable to angelic visitors and protected them from evil men and as a result the angels saved them from the city which was about to be destroyed. In Judaism we say that the reward of a good deed is the good deed itself, meaning it's the reward of the good feeling just to know you somehow helped another person and also your kindness will be paid back to you by someone doing something nice for you someday.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
-- Yehudah ben Shomeyr

MEMORY VERSES:

- And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together. – Gen. 22:8