

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah # 46 Eikev: "Because"
Devarim (Deut.) 7:12-11:25
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Deut. 9:4-6

You ever wonder what "stiff-necked" means?

I think I can describe it to you this way.

Have you ever been to the doctors to get a shot? They hurt don't they? Grown-ups say shots are for our own good. But have you noticed that if you get all scared and tightened your muscles, bracing yourself for the shot, that when it comes, it not only hurts but REALLY HURTS! And have you noticed when you're not looking, that you may feel a pinch but it doesn't really hurt at all, it's over before you know it? Well, this is kind of what stiff-necked means. When we do something against God's Torah and we are even rebellious when God punishes us. We have a stiff-necked and like tightening your muscles up while getting a shot the punishment hurts bad. But when we go against God's Torah and we are truly sorry for what we do its not stiff-necked and it's like relaxing while getting a shot. It hurts but only a little, just because we are sorry doesn't keep us from getting punished, but it will make the punishment hurt a whole lot less.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
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