

RaYBaSH's Torah Thoughts for Kids
Parashah #48: Shoftim "Judges"
Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9
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In this Torah Portion Moshe (Moses) still giving his last speech to Israel now expands on the Written Torah instructing the leaders what to do on various aspects of the Law.

Have you even got in a fight with a friend, or even an enemy, let's say you splashed him with mud, and they say, "I'll get you just like you did me."? Maybe you have heard the verse in the Torah that says, "And eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," and by this they thought it was okay to do to you what you did to them. Well, this is not what the Torah means. If you did splash mud on someone on purpose you would have to make the situation right. You would have to take his pants home and wash them yourself and if the mud didn't come out you would have to go to the store and buy him the exact or similar pair of pants, but he is not to splash mud on you or he would have to do the same thing I just described for you. That is if everyone obeyed the Torah as they should.

Shabbat Shalom and Shavuah Tov!
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