

# God Treats Us as His Children

*Exodus 4:18-31*

**The Big Idea:** God treats us as His children.

**Read the passage**

**Story Summary for Children:**

After being instructed by God to go and tell Pharaoh to release the Israelites, Moses went back to his house. When he got to his house he told his family what had happened and they left for Egypt. When evening approached, they found a place to sleep overnight. During the night God almost killed either Moses or his son, because Moses had not circumcised his son as God had commanded. So, Moses' wife quickly circumcised their son. God was pleased and did not harm any one. The next day Moses met Aaron and told him everything God had told him. Then, they arrived in Egypt and told the Israelites what God had said. They also performed miracles. All the Israelites believed and worshipped God because He had decided to rescue them.

**Family Story Discussion Questions:**

1. What did Moses' family do? (they went back to Egypt)
2. What happened the first night? (God showed up to discipline Moses for not obeying)
3. What did Moses' wife do? (*She obeyed God by circumcising their son*)
4. What happened next? (Moses met Aaron and they told the Israelites about God's plan)
5. Did the Israelites believe Moses and Aaron? (yes, and they worshipped God!)

**Family Lesson Discussion Questions:**

1. Was God happy with Moses when he met them at their camp?
2. Why was God unhappy? (because Moses had not followed all of God's commands)
3. Did God have a right to be unhappy with Moses? (yes)
4. How does God feel when we disobey him?
5. Why does God want us to listen and obey?
6. How should we respond when God tells us to do something? When our parents tell us to do something?

**Memory Verse:** "...but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in His holiness."

*Hebrews 12:10*

**Parents:** Explain to your children why you (and God) have rules and why they must be obeyed. Help your children understand how rules protect them. Tell them how it makes you feel when they listen and obey (and when they disobey). Explain how God must feel when we obey and disobey him.

**Family Activity:** Play “Simon Says” just for fun!

**A Look Ahead:** Next week the passage is Exodus 5:1-21 and the Big Idea will be, “Sometimes it hurts to obey God.” Ask your family: “Is doing the right thing always easy?” You may also want to read next week’s passage with your child and start explaining the story.