

# Obeying

You should obey what the Bible and your parents tell you to do.

*Honor your father and your mother.*

*Exodus 20:12*

## The Price of Disobeying

The stove burner looked so pretty! Chadwick could see it glowing red even though Mommy had placed a pot full of water on top of it. He knew that he was never supposed to touch the stove burners, but Chadwick couldn't help wonder what it would feel like to touch that beautiful, red burner.

Mommy had told Chadwick that if he touched the stove burners he could get hurt very badly, but Chadwick couldn't resist. Inching his fingers up over the side, he slowly reached toward the burner. Mommy batted his hand away from the burner, but not quite fast enough.

"Ow!" screamed Chadwick. The edge of his finger had touched the red hot burner. His finger was burned. It felt like it was on fire. It turned red and it hurt for a long time.

Chadwick's mommy had taught him not to touch the burner, but he did it anyway. Chadwick learned that by disobeying his mommy, he got hurt. In much the same way, the Bible teaches us many things about what to do and what not to do. If we obey what the Bible tells us, we will live healthier, happier lives. When we disobey, we can get hurt.

## Your Turn:

1. What did Chadwick want to do, even though his mommy said not to?
2. Why did Chadwick want to touch the stove burner?
3. Why should you obey what your parents and the Bible tell you to do?

## Prayer

Thank You, Jesus, for giving me the Bible to help me know what to do and what not to do. Please help me to always obey what You and my parents teach me, Amen.