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This verse tells us that children are to obey their parents, not because they are bigger than you, but because God has put them in authority over you. When you obey your parents, you obey God, and this pleases him.

What does obedience look like? God wants you to obey 1) right away, 2) all the way, and 3) with a happy heart.

- ⌚ Suppose your mom tells you to clean your room. You say, "Okay, I'll do it," but keep on playing. Your mom has to remind you several times before you finally clean your room. Did you obey? No. Obedience isn't doing it whenever you want. Obedience is doing it when mom asks you. Obedience is doing it *right away*.
- ⌚ Your dad tells you to pick up the toys in the back yard. You put one or two things away then go inside for a snack, leaving the rest of the toys in the grass. Did you obey? No. Obedience isn't doing part of the job. Obedience is doing the whole job. Obedience is doing it *all the way*.
- ⌚ Your mom tells you to set the table. You get out the dishes and start to do the work, but you're grumbling and complaining the whole time. Are you obeying? No. Obedience doesn't grumble or complain. Obedience is doing the work *with a happy heart*.

God wants you to obey your parents, not just in a few things, but in everything. Is it easy or hard to obey?

Have your dad or mom pray with you. Ask God to help you please him by obeying your parents, and to give you a heart that wants to obey. Pray for your dad and mom, too. Ask God to give them wisdom as they help you memorize Bible verses, like Colossians 3:20, and apply them to your life.