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Have you ever ridden a horse? If so, you know they are strong and independent. You can't just tell a horse, "Okay. Here's the plan. I'm going to get on your back and you're going to take me to my friend's house. We'll go down this road a few miles, turn left, and it's the third house on the right." No, the horse won't understand or follow your directions. The only way to get a horse to go where you want is to use a bit and bridle. The bit puts pressure on the horse's mouth when you pull on the bridle. That's what makes him go in the right direction.

In Psalm 32:8-9, God says, "Don't be like that horse!" God made us and knows what's best for us. He teaches us the best way to live in his Word. God tells us in the Bible to be kind, obey our parents, and to love and follow Jesus. God warns us not to lie or be lazy or selfish. The question is, will we listen to God's instructions? Will we willingly obey them? We will if we understand and trust in God's wisdom.

Can you think of some ways you are listening to God's instruction and obeying him? If so, thank God for his wisdom and ask him to continue to help you obey.

Can you think of some ways you are being stubborn like the horse and not obeying God? If so, ask God to forgive you and help you to listen and follow his instructions in the future.