

Self-discipline

I should make myself do the right thing.

Never tire of doing what is right.

2 Thessalonians 3:13

Sleepy Hayden

"I'm too tired," Hayden murmured as Mommy nudged him awake

"Come on," said Mommy, "it's time to get up for church."

Hayden knew he should get up, but he was so tired! His eyes slowly started to close, and it felt good. It would be so nice to go back to sleep.

But then Hayden wondered what God would think of his skipping church to sleep? Would that make God happy?

Hayden decided he could sleep anytime, but he could only go to church right then. He knew God would want him to be there. So even though it was difficult, Hayden forced himself to get up out of bed.

When Mommy came back a few minutes later, she was surprised to see that Hayden was dressed and making his bed. Not only did Hayden please God, he had also made his mommy happy!

It's not always easy to do the right thing. Mommy or Daddy won't always be around to tell you what to do. Sometimes you have to make yourself do what is right. Hayden knew God and his parents wanted him to go to church. He knew it was the right thing for him to do. What right things can you decide to do?

Your Turn

1. Do you remember a time when you did the right thing even though it was hard to do?
2. Why is going to church important?

Prayer

God, please help me to do what You would want me to do, even when it's hard.
Amen.