

Ephesians

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## Safety in Obedience

"Okay June," Mom held 3 year old June's hand as they walked in the parking lot. "Stay close, we're almost to the car."

June saw a pretty bird a distance away and got excited. She yanked away from Mom's grip and ran towards the bird.

"JUNE! STOP!" Mom shouted. She sprinted and scooped June up off the ground. Soon after, a car passed by, just where June would have still been. Mom held June tight as she walked to the car. She didn't say a word. June looked up at her mom.

"Mama, you angry?" June asked.

"I'm... frustrated. I'm scared. I'm sad." Mom opened the car door and sat June in her car seat.

"Scared? Why, Mama?" June asked.

"Because you could have been hurt, June," Mom sighed. "I want you to be safe. But you ran away from me. You could have been hit by a car because you're too little for a car to see. I would be so sad if something bad happened to you. Sweetheart, I asked you to stay close. You didn't listen to me. That's not a good choice."

"Oh," June's eyes started to fill with tears.

"June, did you know Heavenly Father has asked us to listen to and obey our mom and dad? When Dad and I tell you to do something, it's because we love you, we want you to be safe, and we want you to be able to learn and grow. Will you please work on obeying me?"

"Yes, Mama," June held her arms open for a hug. "I sorry."

"Oh, June I love you so much," Mom said as she hugged her tight.