

Auggie Repents

"Mom? I need to tell you something," Auggie entered the family room where Mom was folding clothes. He sat down next to her. "I-I cheated on my history test."

Mom stopped folding. She thought for a moment then turned to Auggie.

"I'm very glad you told me. I'm proud of you for being honest with me. But cheating is not very honest."

"I know. Sam told me it would be easy," Auggie admitted. "All Mrs. Whestler does is stare at her computer during our tests. Sam told me the test answers would be the same as the study guide. So I had it in my lap. I'm really really sorry, Mom."

"There's a scripture in Mosiah we should read," Mom said as she pulled open her scripture app on her phone. "Here it is. Mosiah 4:10. 'And again, believe that ye must repent of your sins and forsake them, and humble yourselves before God; and ask in sincerity of heart that he would forgive you.' Here's a very special thing to understand about repentance. Jesus Christ died for our sins, giving us a way to repent for our sins so we may return to the Kingdom of God. Isn't that wonderful? This mistake can be fixed! Now, it's great that you've recognized your sin and that you're very sorry. You're beginning the repentance process. Have you fully repented?"

"Well, I said I was sorry," Auggie reminded her.

"Have you told your teacher what you did?" Mom asked.

"No. I'd get in so much trouble if I did!"

"Well when we make bad choices, there will be consequences. In fact, I don't think you can go to the amusement park this weekend. Not until you've righted this wrong."

"Aw man," Auggie sighed. "Okay."

"Good things will happen when you repent. If you fix this mistake, not only will you be able to go to the amusement park, but you'll feel better inside. I'll go with you to the school tomorrow morning 20 minutes early. I love you, sweetie. And I'm so proud of you for telling me."