Crossroads of Character

Learning to Make Wise Choices
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Obedience

doing what is expected of me cheerfully, immediately, and thoroughly

“Children, obey your parents in all things for this is well pleasing unto the Lord.” –Colossians 3:20

Luke and Adam were excited about visiting the farm and riding their granddad’s horses. Granddad had promised some fun surprises, and the boys couldn’t wait to get started!

Luke and Adam said goodbye to their moms as they dropped them off at the farm. “Remember to obey whatever Granddad tells you,” Mommy reminded Adam. “Okay, Mom!” Adam called back, waving to his mom as he walked toward Granddad.

“Hello, boys!” Granddad said. “How would you two like a ride on the tractor?” “Oh, yeah!” they shouted together.
“Okay,” said Granddad. “I’ll go get the tractor and come drive around to pick you up. But listen, boys—make sure you stay away from the fence where the horses are. The fence is electric, so it would hurt you badly if you touch it. And I don’t want you around the horses unless I’m with you, because they get spooked easily. They don’t like noise. Do you understand?” “Yes, Granddad,” they both promised.

Granddad headed off to get the tractor from the barn, and the boys amused themselves playing hide and seek near the house. Soon they grew bored though, and started down the lane to see if they could catch a glimpse of Granddad coming on the tractor.

Just then, Luke heard one of the horses snorting not far away. “Look, Adam!” he pointed out. “The horses came to see us! Want to go feed them some grass?” “Yeah!” Adam agreed excitedly, but then he remembered what Granddad had said.
“Oh, wait, Luke. Remember? Granddad said we can’t go near the horses. He said we might spook them. Don’t you think we ought to obey him?” Luke looked thoughtful. “Yeah, you’re right,” he said. “Okay. We’ll just wait for Granddad then.”

Soon Granddad came driving up on the tractor. He turned the tractor off and got down to help the boys up on the seat. When they were all on the tractor, Granddad told the boys, “Adam and Luke, I saw you trying to decide whether to go over near the horses or not, and I’m very pleased you chose to
obey. You didn’t grumble about it, either—you obeyed cheerfully! I’m glad you chose to do right. And after we go for a ride on the tractor, guess what we’re going to do next?”


“Ride the horses!” said Granddad.

Adam and Luke cheered, and Granddad grinned as he started the tractor up again and took them for a ride around the farm.
the telephone rang, and Mommy answered it and chatted for a few
moments. When she hung up, she said with a smile, “Guess what Nana
called for?”

“What?” asked Cassidy and Adam together.

“She wanted to see if we could go with her and your cousins to the
pumpkin patch,” their mom replied. “After that, we’ll go out for lunch
together. Does that sound like fun?”

“Yay!” Cass squealed. “I can’t wait!”

“Awesome!” Adam exclaimed.
Learn character with Cassidy, Luke, Lauren; Anne, Melody, and Adam, grandchildren of Rick and Marilyn Boyer! Follow the six cousins through their day-to-day learning adventures as they explore twelve important character qualities.