



In a jungle lived many animals—monkeys, rabbits, birds, wild dogs, cats, tigers, and lions.

Among them was a monkey family: a loving mother and her playful little child. The mother carried the baby on her back, jumping from tree to tree in search of fruits.

As the baby grew, he began walking beside her. But he was mischievous and often ran off, ignoring his mother's warnings: *"Stay close, my child. The jungle is full of lions and tigers. It is not safe to wander alone."*

One day, the little monkey went too far and lost his way. Suddenly, a hungry lion appeared, roaring loudly. Trembling with fear, the baby clung to a twig and prayed: *"Oh God, please send my mother! I regret not listening to her."*

Meanwhile, the mother realized her child had not returned. Worried, she searched everywhere until she found him clinging to a branch, weak and frightened. She quickly carried him on her back and came home.

With folded hands, the little monkey said: *"Mother, you are another form of God. I prayed to God, and you came. Now I know I must listen to you. Please forgive me."*

The mother forgave him with love. From that day, the little monkey stayed close and told his friends: *"If we don't listen to our parents, we may fall into danger. But when we obey, we stay safe and happy. Mother's love is God's greatest gift."*

Question: Do you sometimes ignore what your parents say? What happened when you did?

Heart-Work: Practice listening to your parents with love. After some time, write about your experience—how it made you feel inside.