

January 14, 2021
Clocks And People
Read Deuteronomy 4:1-8



(Note: This story may not be suitable for very young children.)

"Mom," Shawna said, as she stirred her cornflakes slowly, "you said abortion is wrong, but Mandy's big sister says it's legal."

"Yes, it is legal," Mom replied, "but sometimes people make up laws that go against God's laws. God says it's wrong."

As Mom was talking, Shawna's little brother, still in pajamas, appeared in the doorway. "Oh, Matt!" Shawna exclaimed. "You'd better hurry, or you'll be late for school!"

"No, I won't," Matt calmly replied. "The clock says it's only 7:00."

"But it's 7:30 already!" Shawna continued. "The clock is wrong!"

"I set the time back last night," Matt explained.

"You did?" Mom asked. "Why did you do that?"

"Because I didn't want to go to bed," Matt answered. He grinned happily and added, "So it's only 7:00, and I've got lots of time to get dressed."

Shawna stared at Matt, then burst out laughing. "That's silly!" she said. "It doesn't matter what the clock says if the real time is 7:30. You better hurry, little brother."

"That's right," Mom agreed, giving Matt a gentle push. "Off you go, young man. Hurry and get dressed." She turned to Shawna, who was looking at the clock and giggling. "Honey," she said, "Matt gave us a good example of what I was trying to explain about people making laws. He made the clock say the time he wanted it to be, but that didn't change the actual time. People may make a law that says abortion is all right, but God's law says it's wrong, so it is wrong—no matter what the law says."

Shawna nodded. "We need to live by what God says is right, and we can't always rely on what people say, can we?"

"Correct," Mom agreed. "Always consider what God says about things, no matter what anyone else tells you. And if other people tell you something different, don't pay attention to them."

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do your friends sometimes try to convince you that some wrong thing is right? Perhaps you've been told that cheating, lying, or disobeying your parents is sometimes okay. Even your country might have laws that go against God's Word. Christians need to know what God says – and then they need to obey him.

Scripture Memory Verse:

"Do not add to or subtract from these commands I am giving you from the Lord your God. Just obey them."

Deuteronomy 4:2

OBEY GOD'S LAWS