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**Discipline** which is \_\_\_\_\_ to the child

**Instruction** which is \_\_\_\_\_ to the child

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Never forget \_\_\_\_\_ gave parents the tool of discipline**

## **#2 \_\_\_\_\_ do parents use the discipline tool?**

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#### 4-Use the Rod \_\_\_\_\_ and early

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