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On the Passuk “These are Aharon and Moshe’s children,
On the day that Hashem spoke to Moshe on the Sinai mountain,”
Rashi does question,
Why is it that only Aharon's sons the Torah does mention?

Rashi explains that Moshe's children they are considered to be,
Because Moshe taught them the Torah so holy.
From here we see that when a person teaches his friend’s son,
Like his father he does become.

Before Moshe taught the entire nation,
Although he had no obligation,
Moshe gave Aharon's sons their own study session,
And as a reward, Aharon's sons were considered to be Moshe's children.

On this Passuk a second comment Rashi does say,
His children they became on that day,
That he taught them what he had learned from the Almighty,
The content of the two Rashis seems the same but there are differences that we see.

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Why is it that in the first part Rashi says that their father Moshe was considered to be,
While in the second part Rashi says that Moshe was their father actually?
Why is it that at first Rashi says that Moshe taught them Torah, simply,
Then he says that he taught them what he learned “from the mouth of the Almighty”?

What is really bothering Rashi,
 Why are Aharon and Moshe in the same category?
 How can a father who creates the essence of a child compare,
 To a teacher who teaches Torah to his students who are so dear?

Before the giving of the Torah, Hashem told Moshe to tell the Yidden,
 That if they agree to keep the Torah they will be transformed into a treasured nation.
 Therefore at Matan Torah the Almighty showed his might and transformative power,
 There was thunder, lightning, the sound of a Shofar and Hashem came down in a fire.

Moshe didn't just teach Aharon's sons information that he did hear,
 He internalized the words that came from the mouth of the Almighty, it is clear,
 And then with the mighty power of transformation, their essence had a new birth,
 He became their spiritual father and they actually became his children on earth!

This isn't just a story that happened in Jewish history,
 But rather there is a lesson for you and me.
 To teach Torah specifically to our friend's children we should take the opportunity,
 Our reward will be that like their parents we will be considered to be.

But even more so, just like without water a fish can not stay alive,
 So too, without Torah a Jew can not survive.
 When you go out of your way to teach others you become their spiritual mother or father,
 Because like a parent who creates life, you are supplying them with life giving water!
