



Trusting in the Promise of Jesus

In-Home Discipleship Worksheets for Families

Faith in Real Life

Mrs. Miller and her daughter, Ava, were doing the family's weekly grocery shopping one day. In every aisle, it seemed, there was something wonderful that Ava wanted. "Mommy," she said as she pointed to the shelf near the shopping cart in which she sat, "can we get those cupcakes?"

"No, dear," her mother answered. As they turned the corner into the next aisle of the store, Ava asked, "Mom, I love those chocolate cookies. Can we get those please?"

"Not today, sweetie," her mother replied. A few minutes later as they went through the frozen food section of the store, Ava piped in again. "Mommy, see those ice cream bars right there? Can we have some of those, pleeeaaaase?" she begged.

"Ava, I will buy you some yogurt if you want something sweet, but we only have money for what's on our list, plus I don't want you to have all that sugar." Mrs. Miller explained. "But I want it!" Ava whined.

"I know, dear, but we can't always have everything we want, especially if we cannot afford it. Maybe next week when Daddy gets paid again, we can buy some ice cream for a treat. But for now, we just have to wait."

When We Don't Get What We Want ...

We don't always get what we want. Or, sometimes we have to wait for what we want because there are reasons why we cannot have it right away. But there is a difference between what we want and what we need. Being thankful to God will help us be grateful for what we do have. As the Bible says:

Godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content (1 Timothy 6:6)

Some things to talk about:

- ▶ What was the reason given by Ava's mom for why she couldn't have ice cream or cookies that day?
- ▶ Why is it so hard to be patient when we want something right now?

Holy God, you give us all good gifts and supply us with our daily bread. You don't always give us everything we want, but you do give us what we need to meet our earthly needs. We put our trust in you alone. Amen.



Read in Your Bible: Hebrews 13:5-6

The write of the Book of Hebrews reminded the believers of how we should treat one another. We will always feel unsatisfied when we are only thinking about ourselves; but when we think of others, we realize that we have enough to share. Instead of looking at what we don't have, we should be grateful for what we do have. We can trust in God because we know that God will take care of us. As the Bible says:

“Be _____ with what you _____.” (v.5)