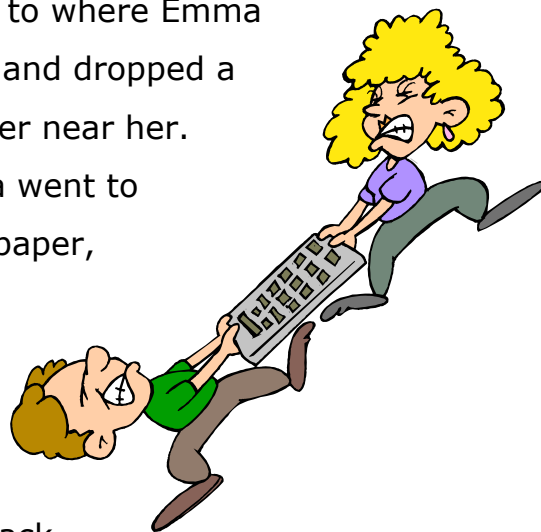


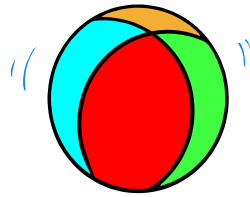
TEDDY'S WISH

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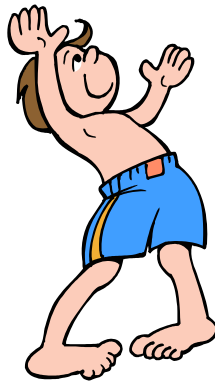
Teddy was at home feeling unhappy. His sister, Emma, had a new toy, but he didn't have one. He wanted to take Emma's toy and hide it from her; then he would feel better. Teddy quietly walked over to where Emma was playing and dropped a piece of paper near her. When Emma went to pick up the paper, Teddy grabbed the toy and held it behind his back. Emma didn't see him do that, but when she



saw the toy was missing she started to shout,
“Teddy, you took my toy!”



Meanwhile, the children’s mother had noticed what happened, and she told Teddy that if he didn’t want his toys taken away, he must return the toy to Emma. Teddy started to shout, “It’s not fair, Emma got a new toy, and I didn’t.”



Then their mother told the children to sit down while she read a story to them. It was a true story. There was a poor child who only had old, torn clothes, and went to bed hungry every night. For dinner the boy’s family had a little watery rice and maybe some vegetables.

The boy's birthday was in two weeks. The boy prayed for a ball because he loved to play ball, but some children wouldn't play with him because he had such poor clothes. The boy prayed every day. His older brother told him that he was crazy - there was no way that God was going to give him a ball for his birthday. But the boy kept praying everyday that he would get a ball if God wanted him to have one. On his birthday, the family did not have any special celebration except that they all had fish with their rice and vegetables.

That night the boy didn't feel hungry. His brother told him, "You see, God didn't answer your prayer!" The boy said, "Yes He did! God said 'No' to the ball but gave all of us good food instead." The boy said that God knew that good food for the whole family was more important than a ball just for him.



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After hearing the story, Teddy and Emma, felt sad for the boy and for the way they had acted earlier. They said prayers to thank God for everything they had and prayed that God would help all the poor children in the world. Then Emma invited Teddy to play with her and her new toy. Teddy said they could get some of the other toys and play with all of them.

That night they said prayers again and thought about everything that God had given them.

Discussion Questions

- › What problem did Teddy have?
- › What feeling did he have? (answer: He was jealous.)
- › Did you ever feel unhappy because someone had something that you didn't have? (Some students talk about a time when they were jealous.)
- › How did the mother help Teddy & Emma learn about God and what God wants for each of His creations? (She told them the story.)
- › Talk about the boy in the story. What was his life like?
- › How did the boy's older brother feel about the boy's prayers?
- › What did the boy think when he didn't get what he prayed for?
- › What knowledge does God have that we don't have?
- › Does God know what we all need? Do we know everything that is good for us?