

Holy Families! Family Faith Formation

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. - Deuteronomy 11:18-19

Faith in Real Life: We Can't Always Have What We Want

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?"

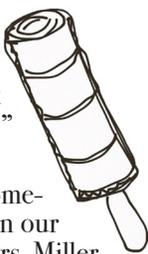
"Not today, sweetie," her mother replied.

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."



Questions for Family Discussion

- Sometimes we have to wait for what we want because there are reasons why we cannot have it right now. What was the reason given by Ava's mom that she couldn't have ice cream or cookies that day?
- Why is it so hard to be patient when we want something right now?
- In Luke 11:11, Jesus says, "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent?" This means that parents DO want to give their children what they want but there are sometimes reasons that prevent them from being able to do that. What might be some of those reasons?
- What kind of things have you wanted but your mom and dad said you would have to wait, or that you could not have at all? How did you respond to that bad news?

From Luther's Small Catechism

The Fourth Petition

Give us this day our daily bread.

What is meant by daily bread?

Daily bread includes everything required to meet our earthly needs, such as food, drink, clothing, home, property, employment, necessities; devout parents, children, and communities; honest and faithful authorities, good government, seasonable weather, peace, health, an orderly society, a good reputation, true friends and neighbors, and the like.

- What is the difference between something we want and something we need?
- God promises us that he will supply our "daily bread." How many things on that list above has God provided for your family?

Thinking about the story, fill in the blanks below. Use the words from the Word Bank:

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There are many times when we see something we _____. But we cannot always have _____ we want. Sometimes those things aren't _____ for us, and sometimes our family simply cannot _____ to buy them. We can _____, however, that _____ will provide for all our _____, and sometimes even our _____, because he is our heavenly _____ and he _____ us.

Color in the words below:

My God
will supply
every need.

Philippians 4:19 ESV

Pray Together

(If your child is not a reader, have them repeat after you, a few words at a time.)

Holy God, you give us all good gifts and supply us with our daily bread. We put our trust in you alone. Amen.