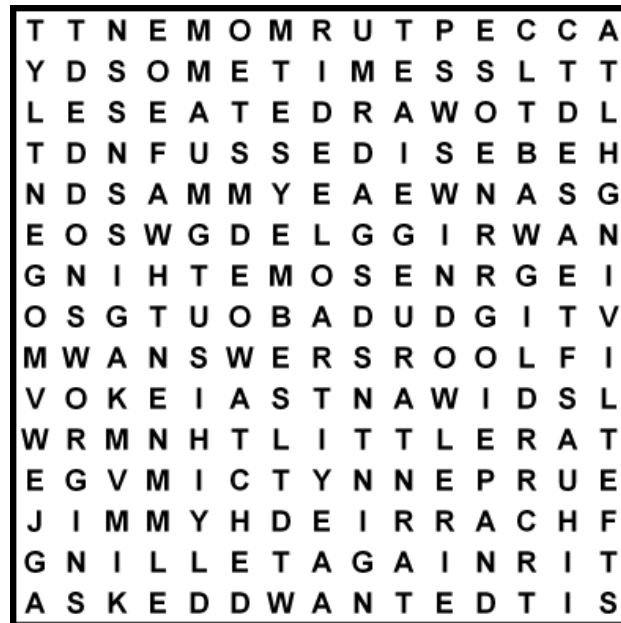


Each word which is in bold font and underlined in the text below may be found in the grid of letters. They might be found from left to right, right to left, top to bottom, bottom to top or diagonally. After all the bolded and underlined words are found the remaining unused letters in the grid will spell a special message.

# Sometimes God Says "No"



Sammy watched his little brother crawling all over the living room. Jimmy picked up a toy, chewed on it furiously, and then threw it down. Next, he made his way to the television set and began pushing all of the buttons. "No," Mom said as she gently picked Jimmy up. "You're too little to do that." Jimmy squirmed and fussed a little.

Sammy smiled as his little brother crinkled up his nose. "He sure is a busy baby!" he said.

Yes, he is, Mom agreed.

Jimmy wriggled free from Mom's arms and threw himself onto the floor. He crawled to the television set again. "No, Jimmy! Mommy said 'no,'" repeated Mom. She picked Jimmy up and carried him toward his room. "I think it's time for a nap. You're a very tired little boy."

When she returned, Sammy was seated on the floor looking out the window. He didn't hear his mom quietly slip down beside him. "Penny for your thoughts," Mom teased.

Sammy grinned. "Do you think God gets tired of telling us 'no' sometimes?" he asked.

Well, we know that God wants the best for us, Mom said as she hugged Sammy. "He doesn't want us to be hurt by getting something that isn't good for us."

Sammy thought for a moment. "But sometimes we don't like the answers He gives us. . .like Jimmy," he said.

Mom nodded. "Yes, but as Jimmy grows older he'll learn to listen to what we say and accept our answers," she said. "And as we grow and learn more about God, we should learn to accept His answers, too, even when they're not what we wanted." She pulled Sammy close. "Trust Him, Sammy," she added. "Ask Him to help you want what He wants for your life."

## HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you sometimes ask God for something and then don't get the answer you want? Do you think God didn't hear you? He always hears when you talk to Him, and He knows what is the right answer for each situation. Pray for His will to be done, and trust Him to give you what is best!

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: (1 John 5:14)

And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us.

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