

ALWAYS THANK GOD



Aidan was standing by the window watching the rain come down. "Now we can't have our school picnic," he said. "I prayed for a nice day, and look at it rain," he grumbled.

"Maybe someone else prayed for rain and pleased his big sister. Aidan frowned.

Then, he looked at his mom and said, "Mom, why didn't Jesus let us have a nice day? I prayed for it."

Mom thought a minute, then said, "He **did** give us a good day. A rainy day is a good day. Today, the strawberries are growing, so you can have strawberry jam. Today, the grass is growing out in the country fields, so you can have milk and meat from cows, who need grass. Today, the streets are being washed clean from dust and dirt. Oh, it's a good day!"

"I want to have a picnic," Aidan pouted.

"It isn't always good to get what we want, son," said Mom. "You prayed for a good day for your picnic, but maybe Mr. Ellis prayed for rain for his garden. What do you think God should do if gardens need rain and you want a picnic?"

"Well, all right," said Aidan, not answering Mom's question. "Maybe we can have our picnic tomorrow or the next day."

"That's a good attitude," said Mom. "In the Bible, we are told to give thanks in **everything**, for this is God's will. Today, we can **thank God** for the rain. When we say this and really mean it, we can be happy, even when we don't get what we want."

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SOMETHING TO DO

Follow each step below to find out what God expects of you.

1. Cross out all the B's.

B A B L W B A Y B S

Write the letters that are left.

2. Cross out all the C's.

C T C A C I C

Write the letters that are left.

Cross out all the A's.

A A G A O A D

Write the letters that are left.

On the line below, write the three words that tell what God wants us to do.
