



## MAIN IDEA

God will sometimes tell us “no” because He is good and knows better than us what we need.

## STARTER

When you were a kid, what is something your parents said “no” to that you had your heart set on? How did you react?

## DISCUSS

Fast forward into your adult years and think of a time when you realized you weren’t going to get what you really wanted. What was it and how have you personally dealt with it?

## READ

Read [Matthew 7:7-11](#) and discuss:

- Jesus’ statements remind us that God desires to give good things to his children. Why then do you think God does not always say “yes?”
- What is something good that has come out of a “no” God has given you in your life?

Which of these things is toughest for you when God says no? Why?

- What I want (sinful desire issue)
- Staying comfortable (sacrifice issue)
- My personal dreams fulfilled (control issue)

## APPLY

Share a specific “no” God is telling you that you are struggling to accept. How can this group help you?

Spend some time praying for each other’s needs and to surrender to God’s will together.