Good Things Come to Those Who Wait

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"Mommy, Mommy, can you please buy this game for us? Please?" begged DJ and her two brothers, Austin and Allen.

Their mother was not giving in, not this time. They were so good at begging that she would usually buy them what they wanted. But instead she replied, "Good things come to people who wait." Her three children stared at her silently. They were too defeated to talk.

But DJ, the eldest, would not take "No!" for an answer. She wanted this game and knew how to get it.

DJ said to her brothers, “We need to figure out a way to purchase this game!”

Allen said, “We can find some money, buy the game, and play it. Mommy will never know about it.”

DJ and Austin were surprised that Allen could think of such an awesome plan. They agreed to follow along.

Austin, the brave one, went searching through his mother’s purse. He took out all the money. Then he yelled, “Let’s go!”

Austin, Allen, and DJ ran to the game store. They found the game they wanted. Austin and Allen were so excited.

DJ wasn't smiling. Austin and Allen asked her, "DJ, what's wrong?"

DJ explained, "You guys, I think that this is wrong. Remember what Mommy said. 'Good things come to those who wait.'"

Allen and Austin thought about their mother's words. Then, Austin placed the game back on the shelf.

The three children walked home in silence.

Then Austin said, "Let's put the money back in Mommy's purse."

"And not tell Mommy," added Allen.

"Or maybe we should tell Mom what we did and apologize." corrected DJ.

"You're right," said Austin. "Let's hurry!"

When the kids got home, their mother was standing at the door. She was smiling.

She said, “DJ, Allen, and Austin, I have a surprise for you!” She pulled out their new game. The kids were silent.

Their mother asked, “What’s wrong? Aren’t you happy?”

DJ said, “Of course we are, Mommy, but remember what you said: ‘Good things come to those who wait.’ Well, we have been bad, so I think we have to wait.”

Austin gave his mother the money from her purse. Their mother smiled, “Thank you for being honest and responsible, kids.”

“We have to wait,” the kids said together.