

THANKFUL?

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A parent and a child are seated talking.

Child: I want new toys.

Parent: What's wrong with the ones you have now?

Child: They are old. I am tired of playing with them. I saw a great toy in a catalogue. Let me show you. *(Shows the parent.)*

Parent: *(Nods)* Okay. It looks nice.

Child: Will you buy it for me?

Parent: Let me think about it. Let's go and have dinner first.

Child: Okay. *(Pauses.)* I hope it's not rice and meat again.

Parent: What's wrong with rice and meat?

Child: Nothing, but I would like to have chicken and chips or a pizza instead.

Parent: *(Pauses)* How about if we give away all your toys to the orphanage and we give your food to someone else to eat?

Child: *(Excited)* And then you will buy that new toy for me and we will go out for dinner?

Parent: No, the children in the orphanage will enjoy the toys that you are not interested in while you won't get any new toy for now. Also you will take gari and groundnut for dinner while someone eats what I have prepared for you.

Child: *(A little sober)* On second thoughts, I guess I will play with my toys and invite my friends to come and play with me. Let's go and eat dinner. I'm hungry.