

Competing with TV

A teacher of fourth graders asked her students to do a composition of whatever they wished to ask God to do for them....

Later in the evening, as the teacher was correcting their homework, she came upon a composition which made her stop. Her husband who was just coming in from work, saw her crying, and asked: what happened? And she answered, "read this, it is a composition from one of my students."

It read:

" Dear Lord, tonight i want to ask You something very special: please transform me into a television set. I want to occupy its place. To live my life just like the tv at my house. To have a special place for myself, to gather my family around me...To be taken seriously when i speak...I want to be the center of attention, to be listened to with no interruptions or questions. I want to receive the same special care that our tv set receives when it doesn't' work. And to enjoy my dad's company when he comes home, even when he is tired. And that my mother asks my company when she is alone and bored, instead of ignoring me. And also that my brothers and sisters fight for my company...I wish that sometimes my family wishes to spend a few moments with me. And to finish, help me to be able to make them enjoy my company.

Lord, i'm not asking you a lot...i just want to live my life just like any television set.

After reading the composition, the husband comments:

- My God, poor child! And what awful parents! -

The wife looked at him and answered:

- This composition was written by our son.