



# GOOD THINGS take time

ONE AFTERNOON, Suzy and her best friend Amelia went out to the park to play. They both went to their favourite rides. Suzy went to the merry-go-round first. Then Amelia went to the swing and swung there fifteen times. After that Suzy went to buy an ice-lolly. Amelia went to the storytelling tent and got herself a face paint of a bunny. Then they both went to have a delicious scoop of chocolate ice cream.

'Yum! This tastes so delicious,' they both joyfully agreed.

After filling their tummies with the delicious dessert, Suzy asked Amelia, 'How about we go on that humungous rollercoaster?'

Excited Amelia agreed. But when they reached there, they saw that the entire ride was occupied.

'Oh no...' Amelia said disappointed.

'It's okay,' consoled Suzy, 'we'll go for some other ride and come back here.'

'Okay I guess?' said Amelia.

They went looking for a better ride than what they saw before. After a few minutes Suzy found bumper cars. But oh boy! Guess what? That one was just about to close. There was no choice but to go and wait for the roller coaster. By now, Amelia was stamping on the ground with fury. She grew angry waiting and then shouted, 'I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANY LONGER!'

Suzy calmly said to Amelia, 'Patience... Patience is what you need for a good life just as Jesus taught us.'

'What is patience?' Amelia asked.

Suzy said,

**'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God as in Philippians 4:16.'**

So Amelia calmed herself and prayed to God and felt her annoyance abate. She inhaled and exhaled and waited. The ride was complete. Now it was their turn to go. 'Yippee!' she screamed as she enjoyed the ride •

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