

Here is the script for Esther and Emmett – Aug 15

Esther: Hi Emmett.

Emmett: Oh, hi Esther. Sorry, but I can't talk to you right now!

Esther: Oh, well, that's okay!

Emmett: Do you want to know why I can't talk to you right now?

Esther: Since you asked, I am wondering why you can't talk to me right now.

Emmett: I can't talk to you right now...because I am talking to God!

Esther: Oh, you mean you are praying!

Emmett: I guess so.

Esther: Well, don't let me interrupt. Go ahead.

Emmett: Thanks. Okay God, where was I? Oh yah – I made a list of things I don't want to have happen to me:

-don't let me get a cavity

-don't let me trip and sprain my ankle

-don't let there be any hard questions on any of my school tests

-and don't let a bee sting me!

Esther: Um...Emmett...I'm not sure that...

Emmett: Just a moment Esther. I'm almost finished. Where was I? Oh yah...and God, there are some deliveries I'm wondering if you could make for me? Could you...

Esther: Oh Emmett! God doesn't do deliveries!

Emmett: Are you sure?

Esther: Pretty sure!

Emmett: I thought that Jesus taught people about God doing deliveries.

Esther: When did Jesus teach that?

Emmett: It was in that prayer he taught to his disciples.

Esther: You mean the Lord's Prayer.

Emmett: Yep, that's the one. "Our Father who art in heaven"...and then somewhere in there there's something about deliveries.

Esther: Hmm (thinks) You mean the part that goes, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Emmett: Yeah, that's it. I knew there was something about deliveries.

Esther: Oh Emmett!

Emmett: Let me guess...it's not about 'those' kind of deliveries.

Esther: Not really, but it's good that you are practicing praying.

Emmett: Well, I read the prayer Jesus taught, and when I read that part about 'lead me not' I figured that I would tell God all the things that I don't want to have happen to me.

Esther: It's good to pray about things that concern us. That's why people pray that 'lead us not into temptation' -they want to avoid doing things that 'tempt' them to forget about God – like being too busy to ever pray, or too busy to help other people.

Emmett: So, I can pray to God to lead me ...to God! And to helping other people!

Esther: Those are good prayers. And when we pray "Deliver us from evil..."

Emmett: I certainly don't want any evil deliveries!

Esther: Neither do I! We pray that God keep us safe and out of harm's way, but we also know that God will be with us always, so even when life gets difficult, we know that God still loves us and cares for us.

Emmett: Sometimes I wish Jesus had used more words that I know.

Esther: Well, it's always interesting when people try to translate the Bible into English.

Emmett: Wait, you mean Jesus didn't speak English.

Esther: No, he probably spoke the language called Aramaic...but when people started writing the stories about Jesus we have in our Bible, they wrote those stories in another language.

Emmett: You mean, not in English or Aramaic?

Esther: No, they wrote in Greek.

Emmett: Wow! I never knew people had to know all those languages just so we could

read the Bible in English!

Esther: It also explains why people who translate sometimes come up with different words...and it's why when we read the Bible, or when we pray, we should think about what it means for us today.

Emmett: What it means for us today! Then maybe today God does make deliveries!

Esther: Maybe God delivers 'us' - sends us -to other people so that we can help them, and be friends to them, and love them.

Emmett: Those are good deliveries. But I know one word that's always good to use in a prayer.

Esther: And that word is...

Emmett: Amen!

Esther: And Amen!