

Directions: You have 4½ minutes to read the selection and answer the questions. Do not begin reading until your teacher gives the signal.

Amy Carmichael Learns to Pray

Amy Carmichael was born in Ireland many years ago. She was brought up in a happy Christian home. Very early she learned to love Jesus and talk to Him in prayer. “Jesus always answers when we pray,” her mother assured her.

Amy had brown eyes, but she wished to have blue eyes like her mother. One day she decided she would ask the Lord to change the color of her eyes to blue. Mother had said that Jesus always answers.

Before she went to bed that night she prayed that the Lord would change the color of her eyes. Confident that the Lord had made her eyes blue, she climbed on a stool the next morning and looked in the mirror. To her dismay, her eyes were still brown. Jesus hadn’t answered!

Then a thought came into her mind: “Isn’t ‘no’ an answer?” Amy learned from this experience that sometimes God says “no” to our prayers. He does this because He understands what is best for us.

Circle the correct answer.

1. Amy Carmichael was born in ?.
 - a. the U.S.
 - b. Ireland
 - c. India
 - d. Scotland

2. Amy was brought up in ?.
 - a. an ungodly home
 - b. a Christian home
 - c. a heathen temple
 - d. an Indian home

3. As a small child, Amy prayed for ?.
 - a. lots of toys
 - b. a pony
 - c. a baby sister
 - d. blue eyes

4. When God did not say “yes” to Amy’s prayers, she understood that ?.
 - a. God did not love her
 - b. she needed to pray harder
 - c. “no” is also an answer
 - d. she was not important

5. **True or False:** When God answers “no” to our prayers, it’s because He understands what is best for us.