

**"Dear God...."**  
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Did you ever feel like God didn't answer your prayer? Like you prayed and prayed, but God just didn't hear you?

Matt was 10 years old and wore glasses. He hated wearing glasses. Not only did they get in your way when you were playing, but they would fall off and break when you were doing stuff like hanging upside down from the swing set. Once they fell right into the ocean while he was watching the waves from a cliff. On top of all that, people call you names like "four-eyes".

One Sunday Matt asked his pastor to pray that God would heal his eyes. So his pastor did. Nothing happened. Matt still couldn't see without his glasses. Weeks went by as Matt kept praying and asking God to heal his eyes. For weeks he bumped into furniture as he tried to walk around without his glasses on. Finally Matt gave up. He was sad that God wouldn't answer his prayer. What he didn't realize was that God already had!

Matt had a problem called dyslexia. It meant that his letters and numbers sometimes reversed or turned upside down when he looked at them. He was able to read okay, but math was almost impossible for him. He might look at the number 39 and see it as 93, or 63, or 36. Every time he'd look at it, it would change.

A couple weeks after Matt's prayer, the numbers weren't changing anymore. When Matt looked at the number 39, it stayed 39. And 63 stayed 63. And 36 stayed 36. God had healed Matt's eyes! Not the way Matt thought He would, but in a much better way. God fixed something that doctors and glasses couldn't fix.

Remember that God does answer your prayers. Sometimes God says "yes" and sometimes He says "no". Sometimes He says "not now". God knows what's good for us or what might hurt us. Sometimes His answers will surprise us like Matt's did. But God always, always answers our prayers.