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Dorothy said, "God answered my prayers, Daddy. He said, "No, not yet." He will give you the money when He wants me to have a bike. Dorothy's daddy was happy that his girl trusted God so well! He hugged her and held her close to him. She had taught him an important lesson about prayer!

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