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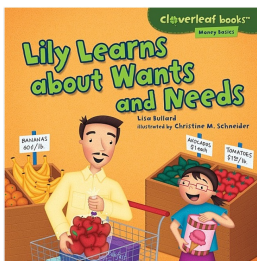
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Teach, Empower and Enjoy Your Children.

A.R.T. - Children's Needs Come First Wants Versus Needs

For Younger Children:

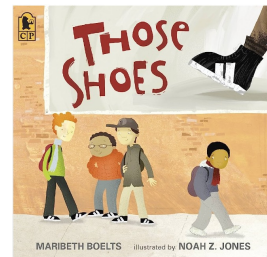
Don't you just love going to the playground? It is so fun to play on the swings, slide down the slide, climb on all the equipment, and simply explore. Playgrounds are a fun place and your parents have rules they help you follow so you can be safe and enjoy the playground.



Watch:
"Lily Learns About Wants and Needs"
by Lisa Bullard

Or

Watch:
"Those Shoes" by Maribeth Boelts



When considering wants versus needs, your values will help you to make better decisions. For example, if it's your goal to save your money to buy a new bike, it will help to keep that goal in mind when you see a really cool toy you could spend your money on, instead.

Remember your values - and your goals that support those values - when determining a "want" versus a "need." (This applies to adults, too, especially when considering an adult and their "want" for children and a child's NEED to know, be loved, and raised by their biological mother and father.)

Now that you know more about wants vs. needs, look at these different scenarios and see if you can make a distinction between a want and a need.

Play:
Wants versus Needs

Resources: <https://www.verywellfamily.com/how-to-talk-to-kids-about-wants-versus-needs-4150278>

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Wants versus Needs

Older Children:

Watch:
Needs vs Wants
Columbia College



Needs are things that you cannot live without. This includes things like food, water, shelter, and clothing. Something may be a need if you need it to support your income. For example, if you do schoolwork at home, having Wi-Fi may be a need. Additionally, while clothing may be a need, you can determine the difference between having clothes to wear and spending \$200 on a pair of jeans. When considering wants versus needs, your values will help you to make better decisions.

As you have been learning, children are entitled to be raised by their married biological mother and father. This is a need - not a want - for the child. If this is not possible, adoption seeks to meet the needs of the child by providing a loving adoptive mother and father.

When you keep this in mind, it's easier to determine wants or needs when struggles come into your life. You can identify the sacred desire of having a child as a want, when you keep in mind the child's need for connection to, love from, and to be raised by their biological mother and father.

Read and discuss the following quote:

"Donor-conception ... creates a wound. The adults intentionally produce children with the express intent of raising them without one (or both) biological parent. ...Children created through sperm and egg donation mourn the loss of their missing parent. But the difference is that the adults who are raising them are responsible for their loss. Third-party reproduction says, 'Let me have.'"

<https://thembeforeus.com/third-party-reproduction-vs-adoption-theres-a-big-difference/>

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Discussion:

What does assisted reproductive technology suggest about the wants of adults versus the needs of the child?

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Play:

Determine the wants and the needs

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<https://raisingfamilies.org/blog/teach-kids-about-wants-and-needs/>



Remember: As you journey through life, be sure to keep your wants and your needs in perspective. Putting your wants ahead of needs can cause a variety of problems – for you, and even those around you..

Discussion:

What are some situations where unwisely choosing your wants over your needs could impact others? How does it impact others?