

GOD IN A SUPERMARKET

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Imagine God pushing a shopping cart in a supermarket with the "world" as a little kid being pulled along. All they need is a jug of milk, and that's all they need. But, the kid keeps pestering God... "I NEED this"... "I NEED that"... "I want those Sugar Pops"... "I want Candy"... and so on. Sometimes he gives in, and goes "ok... since you have been good, you can have some candy". But most of the time, he basically says "you don't NEED those Sugar Pops, we have lots of cereal at home"... and so the kid doesn't get it. Then the kid goes on a temper tantrum complaining how he is being deprived of everything. "You don't love me because you won't give me what *I* want", etc. the kid screams. Most of the time God just ignores him like a "normal" parent, because he knows that this is just a stage in his life... and soon he will grow up, and grow out of it... even though it seems like it is taking forever... Although, sometimes after the kid goes on a temper tantrum, God gives up on the milk, and just grabs the kid, and takes him out of the store, kicking and screaming "I hate you"... etc.

God is a parent, and we are his children. He gives us what we *need* to live, and occasionally he gives us more than that, a lollipop for example. But to him, we sure sound a lot like whiny children, just complaining about how we want this, we want that, and how our quality of life will suffer if we don't get it... even though we don't *need* it. If he doesn't give us it, we think that he is being mean and we are being abandoned, even though that is not the case. From the child's perspective, the world is about to end if we don't have something, but if we take a step back, and look from God's perspective, we already have lots, and No, the world won't end if you don't have it.