

# Which Socks?

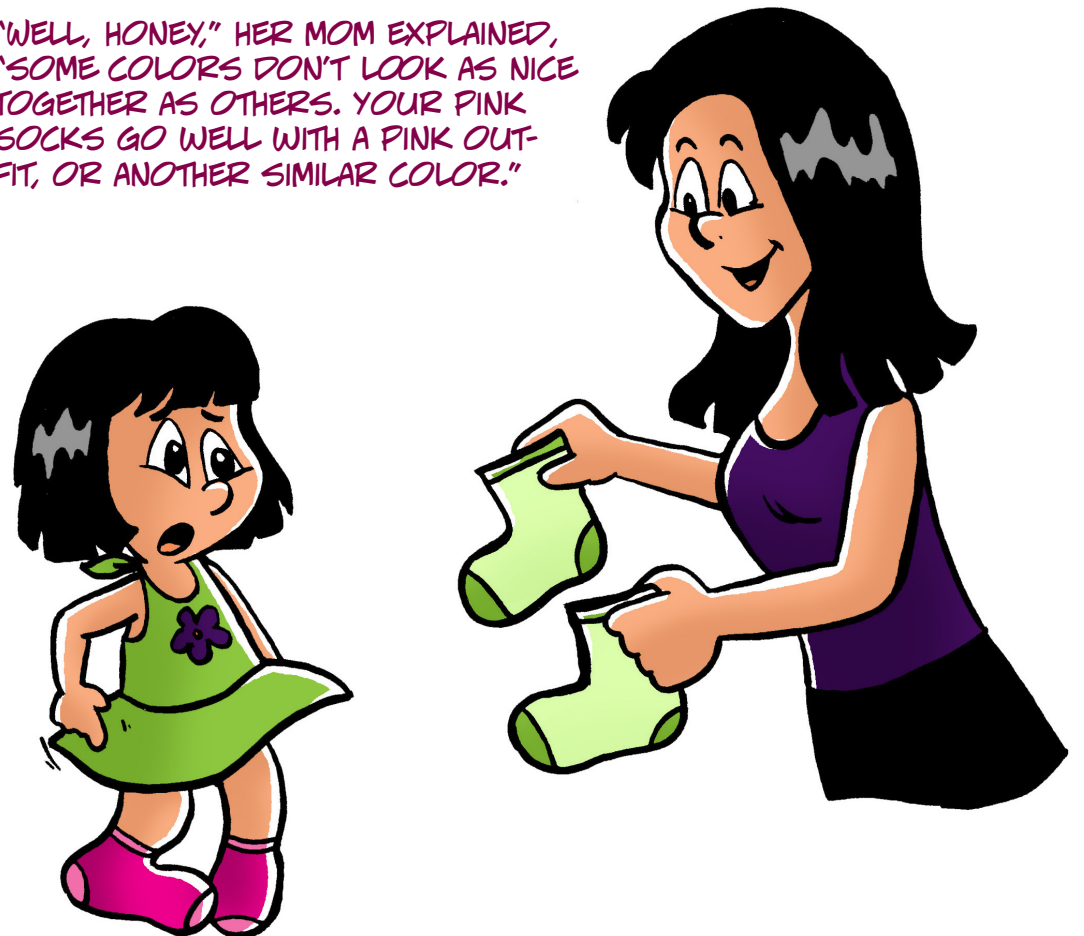
ALIVIA WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO WEARING HER NEW GREEN DRESS. SHE DRESSED QUICKLY AND PICKED OUT HER FAVORITE BRIGHT PINK SOCKS TO WEAR WITH THE DRESS. HAPPY WITH THE WAY SHE LOOKED, ALIVIA WENT DOWNSTAIRS FOR BREAKFAST.

"OH, ALIVIA," HER MOM SAID WHEN SHE SAW HER. "THAT DRESS LOOKS LOVELY ON YOU, BUT THE PINK SOCKS DON'T MATCH WITH YOUR GREEN DRESS. IT WOULD BE BETTER IF YOU WORE THE MATCHING PALE GREEN SOCKS."

"BUT, MOMMY, MY PINK SOCKS ARE MY FAVORITE!" ALIVIA SAID. "WHY DON'T THEY MATCH?"

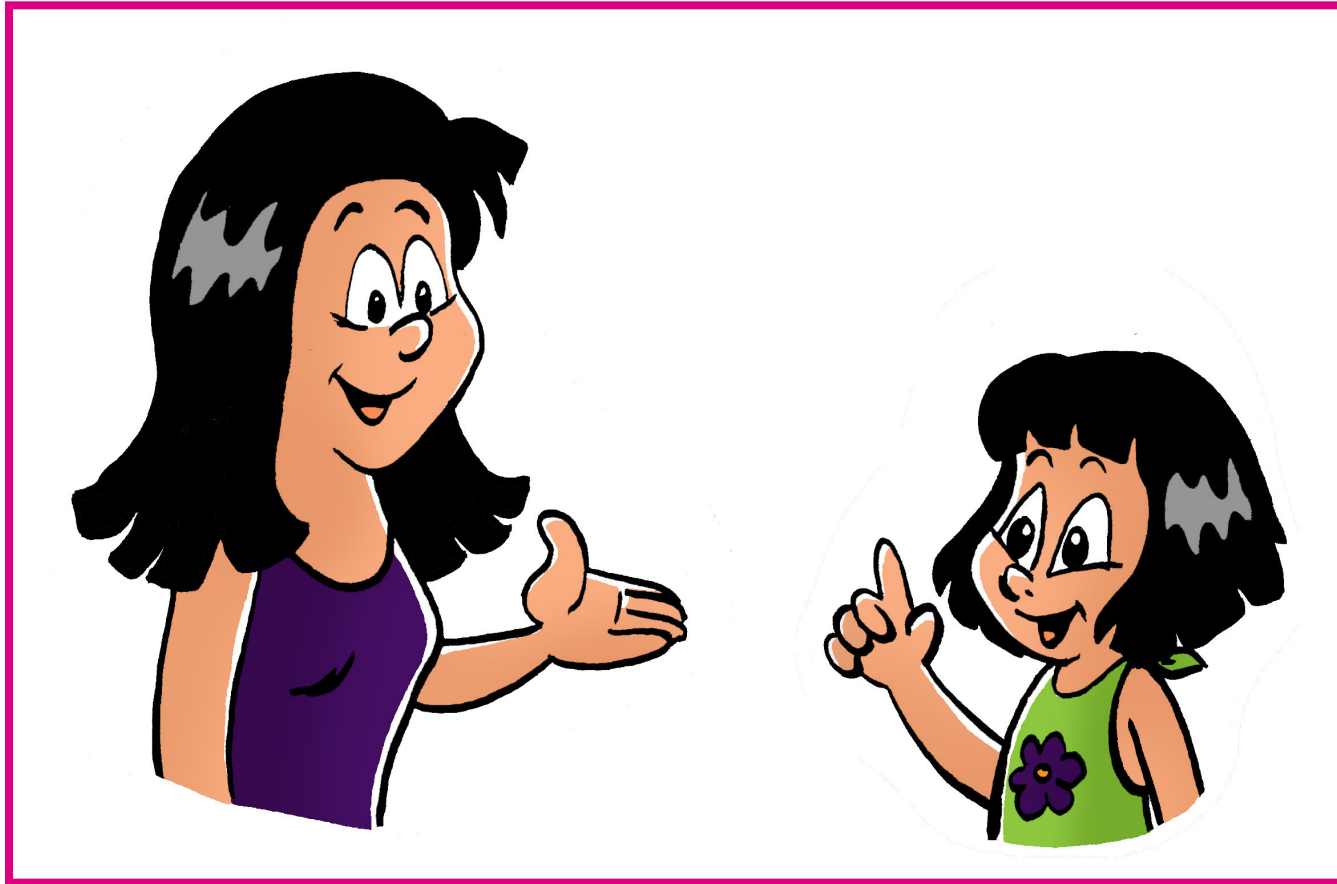


"WELL, HONEY," HER MOM EXPLAINED, "SOME COLORS DON'T LOOK AS NICE TOGETHER AS OTHERS. YOUR PINK SOCKS GO WELL WITH A PINK OUTFIT, OR ANOTHER SIMILAR COLOR."



ALIVIA THOUGHT FOR A WHILE, BUT HAD A HARD TIME AGREEING WITH HER MOTHER. THEN SHE HAD AN IDEA. SHE COULD ASK JESUS TO HELP HER MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION.

ALIVIA WENT TO HER BEDROOM AND TOOK A MINUTE TO PRAY. "JESUS, MOMMY SAYS THAT MY SOCKS DON'T MATCH MY DRESS. THEY ARE MY FAVORITE SOCKS, THOUGH, AND I WOULD LIKE TO WEAR THEM. WHAT SHOULD I DO?"



SHE STOPPED TO LISTEN, AND HEARD A LITTLE VOICE IN HER HEART TELL HER, "REMEMBER THAT IT IS IMPORTANT TO LISTEN TO YOUR MOMMY, BECAUSE SHE IS HELPING YOU TO LEARN THINGS YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE. YOUR MOMMY WANTS WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU."

ALIVIA DECIDED THAT SHE WOULD DO AS HER MOM SAID AND WEAR THE PALE GREEN SOCKS. SHE QUICKLY CHANGED SOCKS AND WENT BACK DOWNSTAIRS.

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"OH, YOU CHANGED YOUR SOCKS," HER MOM SAID. "THOSE ONES GO WELL WITH THE DRESS."

"JESUS TOLD ME I SHOULD LISTEN TO THE THINGS YOU TELL ME, BECAUSE YOU WANT TO HELP ME," ALIVIA EXPLAINED. "AND I WAS THINKING THAT I CAN WEAR MY PINK SOCKS TOMORROW WITH MY PINK SHORTS."

"THAT'S A GREAT IDEA! AND GOOD FOR YOU, ALIVIA, FOR ASKING JESUS TO HELP YOU MAKE A DECISION. IT MIGHT NOT SEEM LIKE A BIG OR IMPORTANT DECISION, BUT LEARNING TO STOP AND HEAR WHAT JESUS HAS TO TELL YOU IN THE SMALL THINGS WILL MAKE IT EASIER WHEN YOU HAVE HARDER OR DIFFICULT QUESTIONS THAT NEED AN ANSWER."

"... THERE WAS THE SOUND OF A GENTLE WHISPER"  
(1 KINGS 19:12 NLT).

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