

## Illustration

### When Things Go Sour

Choose four volunteers—2 girls and 2 boys. Tell them that in the bag you have some candy and that the candy might be sour, it might be really sweet, or it might not have any taste at all. One at a time, let them reach in the bag and pull out a piece of candy. Tell them not to eat it until you say go and for them to try not to make any facial expression to show what kind of candy they might have gotten. After they eat it, ask each of them if their candy was sweet or sour. Have everybody give them a hand and ask them to have a seat and then explain the reason you did this.

*Spiritual Application:* Sometimes things happen in life that you really like. It's what you want—like the sweet candy. Everyone likes something sweet. But sometimes something in life might "go sour." It's not what you wanted. You might not even understand it, but no matter what happens in life, you can always trust God. This is the reason that we can "give thanks in everything" (1 Thessalonians 5:18) because we know we can trust God no matter what happens around us.