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The young wife pleaded that she was sure this is what God wanted for their boy. Her husband scoffed, "Well if your God can provide an extra \$65 per month, then he can go." The young husband was smugly convinced this ended the conversation for good. The young wife and mother continued to pray.

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