



## WEEK THREE - OCTOBER 2018

**Bible Story:** *Sour Grapes* • 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27

**Bottom Line:** *Wanting what others have can make you miserable.*

**Memory Verse:** *"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has.'" Luke 12:15 (NIRV)*

**Life App:** *Contentment—Deciding to be okay with what you have*

**Basic Truth:** *I can trust God no matter what.*

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**9:00-9:10 | 10:30-10:44 - KIDS ARRIVE**

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### **Team Welcomes Kids** *(Providing Time for Fun Interactions)*

**Summary:** In week three we head to a story found in 1 Kings 21:1-19, 27, where we discover what happens when King Ahab finds a plot of land he wants more than anything. But there's a problem, Naboth owns the land, and this land has been in his family for generations. King Ahab and his wife Queen Jezebel go to extreme lengths to take that land for themselves. In the end though, King Ahab was miserable.

Many kids in your environments have probably experienced this bottom line first hand. Yet, that doesn't stop them the next time they find themselves working out whatever scheme they can to get something new that they've seen at a friend's house or at school. We want kids to be aware that this happens and trust God to help them find contentment in what He's already given to them.

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**9:10-9:35 | 10:40-11:05 - LARGE GROUP**

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"Je-sus loves me.

2 lap pats – 2 claps

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Jesus loves [child's name]"

shout out the name

#### **1. Early Arriver Idea**

*Create: an activity that explores spiritual ideas through the process of drawing, building & designing*

**What You Need:** Paper; colored pencils

**What You Do:**

- Collect kids' offerings as they arrive.
- Instruct kids to pair up and face their partners.
- Give each child a piece of paper and set out the colored pencils.
- Tell kids to all look as miserable or unhappy as they can.
- Guide them to draw their partner's face.
- Tell them to look as happy as they can and draw their partner's face on the other side of the paper.

**Bible Story - INTRO, Story, OUTRO Videos (whatever works best for your few)  
Worship SONGS**

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**9:35-10:05 | 11:05-11:35 - SMALL GROUP**

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## GROUPS

(Creating a Safe Place to Connect)

### 2. More Isn't Always

[Application Activity]

*Play: an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and working as a group*

**What You Need:** "Memory Verse Phrases 1" and "Memory Verse Phrases 2" Activity Pages

**What You Do:**

- Set the two separate piles of phrases at one end of your space.
- Divide the kids into two teams, and guide the teams to stand across your space from the two piles.
- On your "Go," kids take turns running to the piles to pick up a piece, bring it back, and tag the next person, who will get the next piece, and so on.
- As soon as a team has all their phrases, they need to put the verse in order.
- Unless something gets wonky, the team with "Memory Verse Phrases 1" should easily win the game.
- Exuberantly congratulate the winning team, going over the top to celebrate their "victory."
- The other team will likely protest, because their task was harder since they had more cards.

**What You Say:**

*"Was that game fair? Why or why not? (Pause for responses.) Sometimes we think that having more and more things will make us content, but this game shows us that having more isn't always the best. The team that had more pieces didn't have a fair chance at winning the game. Let's read the verse and see what it says about having more and more things. (Read the verse aloud. Encourage kids to read along.)"*

*"Last week we talked about being on your guard. And this week we know we should be on our guard against wanting more and more things. Let's remember this game the next time we think having more and more things will make us content. Because we're learning today that wanting more and more things and [Bottom Line] wanting what others have can make you miserable instead of content."*

*[Make It Personal] (Tell kids about a time when wanting what someone else had made you unhappy. Maybe you wanted a nice big house like your friend or adult sibling had. Or maybe you wanted to have a better, more fun job. Tell kids what you did to help become content with the situation.)*

### **3. Pray and Dismiss**

**[Prayer Activity]**

*Reflect: an activity that creates space for personal understanding and application*

**What You Need:** N/A

**What You Do:**

- Ask kids to think of something someone else has that they really want to have.
- Then guide kids in the echo prayer below. You'll say a phrase, and they'll repeat it back.

**What You Say:**

*"Dear God (pause), thank You (pause) for the things (pause) You have given me (pause). Please help me (pause) to be content (pause) with what I have (pause). Take away (pause) my desire (pause) for the thing I'm thinking about (pause). In Jesus' name, amen (pause)."*

*"Today we learned that [Bottom Line] wanting what others have can make you miserable. I don't know about you, but I really don't want to be miserable! So whenever I find myself wanting what someone else has, I'm going to ask God to help me be content with all of the things He has given me, which is a lot! I hope you will do the same."*