



WEEK
ONE
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO PLAY

an activity that encourages learning through following guidelines and/or working as a group



Before kids arrive, take a few moments to pray for them. Ask God to help kids understand that being content is a skill that can be learned, no matter how much or how little they have in this physical life. Pray they will realize that God can help them have contented hearts and attitudes, no matter their circumstances.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Be OK

Be Content/Paul in Prison
Philippians 4:11b-13

EARLY ARRIVER

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container and two dice

WHAT YOU DO:

- Welcome kids by name as they arrive.
- Invite any kid who brought an offering to place it in the offering container.
- Show the kids how to play a dice game called "Knock Out."
- Invite one kid to pick a number between 2 and 12. This will be the "knock out" number.
- Instruct the kids to take turns rolling the dice and adding the numbers they roll.
- If a kid's total equals the "knock out" number, direct that kid to sit out until the next round.
- Continue around the circle, eliminating kids who roll the "knock out" number until you have a winner.
- Play the game several times, choosing a different "knock out" number for each round.

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

God can help you be content.

MONTHLY 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, NIV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.





**CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES**

MADE TO CREATE

an activity that explores ideas through the process of drawing, building, designing, and problem-solving



A-OK!
[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Ruler, blank slap bracelet, and permanent marker *Optional: alphabet stickers*

WHAT YOU DO:

- Cut an 8-inch piece of duct tape for each kid.
- Write "A-OK!" on each kid's bracelet.
 - If using alphabet stickers, direct the kids to choose the letters A, O, and K, then adhere them to their bracelet.
- Remind the kids that contentment is learning to be okay with what you've got. When something happens that's hard, God can help us say, 'I'm A-OK!'
- Read the following scenarios out loud. Encourage the kids to hold up their bracelets and say, "I'm A-OK!" after each scenario.
 - When my little brother eats the rest of my favorite cereal, God can help me choose to say . . . *(Kids: I'm A-OK!)*
 - When I forget to feed the dog and lose screen time, God can help me choose to say . . . *(Kids: I'm A-OK!)*
 - When I get sick and it's field day at school, God can help me choose to say . . . *(Kids: I'm A-OK!)*
 - When I don't get first choice at centers at school, God can help me choose to say . . . *(Kids: I'm A-OK!)*
 - When nobody packed my snack for school, God can help me choose to say . . . *(Kids: I'm A-OK!)*
 - When it's time for recess, but it's pouring rain, God can help me choose to say . . . *(Kids: I'm A-OK!)*

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Every day, we face awesome things that go exactly the way we want them to. And we also face some not-so-awesome stuff. The good news is, with God's help, we can learn to be content. We can remember that God is with us, that He loves us no matter what, and that He is always working for good—even when things are hard. We can learn to say, 'I'm A-OK!' knowing that **God can help you be content!**

"This week, I want you to wear these bracelets as a reminder that when things go your way or when they don't, you can learn to be okay. Remember, in all things, **God can help you be content.**"





CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

an activity that increases the oxygen in the brain and taps into the energy in the body



MEMORY VERSE MOTIONS

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give a Bible to every three kids.
- Use the navigation tips to help the kids look up Luke 12:15.
- Read the verse out loud together.

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Finding verses with kindergartners: Guide kids to open the Bibles to the marked page. Point to Luke at the top of the page as you say, "Luke." Then guide kids to find the big number 12 on the page. Explain that this is the chapter number. Finally, guide them to look under the big 12 for the little 15; this is the verse number. Tell them to leave their finger on the verse as you read the verse aloud. Then lead everyone to say the verse together.

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Finding verses with 1st graders: Guide kids to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like. When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Luke in the list under "New Testament." You can help by telling them that Luke starts with the letters L-U. When the kids find Luke, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Luke. Help the kids find the page. When they find Luke, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 12. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 15 in chapter 12.

MONTHLY 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."
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- Direct the kids to stand up.
- Teach the kids the following motions to help them learn this month's memory verse.
"Then he said to them, 'Watch out! (hands around your eyes like binoculars) Be on your guard against (hands on hips) wanting more and more things. (Put both hands out from small to large to show more and more.) Life is not made up (wave fingers back and forth) of how much a person has.'" (Rub fingers and thumb of one hand together.)
- Repeat the verse several times with the motions until the kids can say the verse with confidence.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Do you know who spoke these words? The 'he' at the beginning of this verse is Jesus! Jesus wants us to remember that being content is not about how much or how little we have. He knew that we would never feel 'okay' by wanting more and more things. Life is way more important than that. Remember, when it comes to contentment, we need to do what Paul did and fully trust God. God is with you, He loves you, and He is always working for good—even when things are hard. When you choose to trust Him, **God can help you be content.**"





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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



PRAY AND DISMISS [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bracelets from "A-OK!" Activity

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to stand in a circle.
- Instruct the kids to place their arms with the bracelets on them in the center with everyone's fists touching.
- Close in prayer, asking God to help the kids be content, no matter what happens.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Just like Paul, we can choose to be content, no matter what happens. How? Because God loves us, He is always with us, and He is always working for good. Like Paul, we can know for sure that **God will help you be content**. Let's pray and ask God to help us with that this week.

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"God, we love You. Help us choose to say, 'I'm A-OK' this week when good and not-so-good things happen. Remind us that You are with us, You love us, and You are working for good, no matter what happens. You are an awesome God. Thanks for hearing our prayer. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage kids to show off their "A-OK!" bracelets and explain that they are a reminder that **God will help you be content!**

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