

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

an activity that invites kids to share and collaborate with others while growing their understanding



OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Direct the kids to line up on one side of your small group area while you stand on the opposite side.
- Pick the first kid in line and call out a way for them to travel to you with the suggestions below.
- Once the kid makes it to you, instruct them to call out something they are good at or like to do then travel back to the line in the same way.
- Call out a new way for the next kid in line to travel to you.
- Modes of travel:
 - hop
 - crawl
 - gallop
 - skip
 - walk on tippy toes
 - march with high knees
 - fast walk
 - skip

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

That's What Friends Are For
Giving Freely to the Lord's People
2 Corinthians 8:1-5

TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

You can always use what you have to help someone else.

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

WHAT YOU SAY:

"That was fun! I love learning about your gifts, abilities, and interests.

[Transition] Let's go find out what our talents and interests have to do with contentment!"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have

BASIC TRUTH

I should treat others the way I want to be treated.



MADE TO CREATE

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



GIVE WHAT I HAVE

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Coupons" Activity Page, "Cover" Activity Page, pens, stapler, and markers; optional stickers

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give each kid five "Coupons" and a cover from the "Cover" Activity Page.
- Set out the markers.
- Tell kids they get to make a coupon book with five coupons to give to anyone they choose—parents, grandparents, a teacher, a neighbor, etc.
- Encourage the kids to think of some unique skills they have and enjoy using, then think someone in their life who they would like to help.
- Prompt them to fill in the blanks of each coupon, using their ideas. Some suggestions:
 - One hour of organizing, decorating, cleaning, etc.
 - One hour of yard help
 - One hour of help around the house
 - One extra chore
 - Straighten up the garage
 - Help with dinner
 - Carry groceries
 - Assist with laundry
 - Wash the car
 - Help decorate the house for Christmas
 - Read a story to . . .
 - Spend time together by . . .
 - Go through clothes and toys to find items to give away
- Once the kids have filled in five coupons, get out the stapler, and demonstrate how to assemble the book.
- Direct each kid to place the cover on top of the five coupons and staple it on the sides.
- Encourage the kids to color and decorate the cover.
- *Option: provide stickers.*

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"Last month, we talked about ways you can use the gifts and talents God has given you to make a difference in this world. I love that you'll use your talents and time to bless your parent, grandparent, teacher, or neighbor—whoever you plan on giving the book.

"What are some of the ways you plan on helping them? *(Pause for responses.)*
You can always use what you have to help someone else. God has given each of us a unique set of talents. Not only that, but we all own things like clothing, toys, shoes, food, art supplies—stuff that we can share with others to





WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
K-3

PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

(GIVE WHAT I HAVE, CONTINUED)

help them. Maybe you're great at making others feel welcome, comfortable, or good. Or maybe you have some mad math skills you can use to help your classmate or brother with their homework.

"Every time you use what you have to help others, you not only honor God, but you become part of God's story. Helping others changes you on the inside and makes your heart content. You also change the world around you by making it look more like God's kingdom, and that's amazing!"



MADE TO PLAY

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

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THE SECRET TO CONTENTMENT
[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Bible, pencil, and chairs

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite the kids to sit in a circle in chairs.
- Read Luke 12:15 out loud to the kids.
- Assign each kid a word or phrase from the memory verse until the entire verse is assigned.
- Instruct the kids to pay attention to the phrase assigned to the kid on their right.
- Explain that when you touch their head with a pencil, they should say their assigned word.
- Go around the circle, touching each kid's head so the verse is recited in order.
- When finished, ask the kids to move one seat to the right.
- Play another round.
- This round, when you touch their head, instruct the kids to say the word or phrase that the previous kid sitting in the chair was assigned.
- Once the group becomes fluent with the verse, keep moving kids to the right and increase the pace.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"What would have happened if you hadn't used your mind to focus on the phrase you were given? (*Pause for responses.*) That's right! You wouldn't have been able to participate. As the game went on, your phrase kept changing, which meant you really had to focus harder to remember your assigned phrase.

"Paul wrote that the secret to contentment is focusing on God. He knew this secret first-hand. He learned to be content because Jesus gave him strength. When you put your trust in Jesus, He can give you the strength to be content, too! The more we learn to be content, the more likely we'll want to share what we have with others. **You can always use what you have to help someone else.**"

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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: No supplies needed.

WHAT YOU DO:

- Close your group time with the prayer below.
- Invite the kids to repeat the words you pray.
- Pause after every phrase so the kids have a chance to repeat what you say.

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WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, You want us to use what we have to help others. *(Pause.)* Please help us see what those things and talents are. *(Pause.)* Show us ways to use them to encourage others, to make a difference, and to show others how much You love them and us. *(Pause.)* Help us remember **you can always use what you have to help someone else.** *(Pause.)* We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen!"

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As adults arrive to pick up, encourage the kids to show them their "My Upcycle Ideas" Activity Page and share what they plan on doing to help someone else.

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