



WEEK
ONE
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

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 some time to pray for the upcoming month you will be spending with your kids in Small Group. Ask God to be faithful to them in the boxes they find themselves trapped in and that He would provide for them everything they need.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

Be OK

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hardest to be content?

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, NlrV

MONTHLY LIFE APP

Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have

BASIC TRUTH

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JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Instruct kids to get into pairs.
- Both kids make a fist and then together they say, "Add It Up."
- When they say "Up," they hold out between 1 and 5 fingers on their hand.
- The first kid to correctly add up the number of fingers showing and shout out the sum gets a point.
 - For example: If one kid holds out 4 fingers and the other kid holds out 2 fingers, the first kid to say 6 earns a point.
- After a few rounds, tell kids to switch partners.
- Ask kids to keep track of the number of games they win.
- Whoever wins the most games is the overall winner.





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CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT
25 MINUTES

MADE TO CONNECT

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



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

[TALK ABOUT GOD | BIBLE STORY REVIEW]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Ask:

- What can influence whether we are content or not?
- When is it hardest for you to be content?
- What are some ways we can learn to be content?
- What do you know about God that can help you be content? *(This can be fast paced – it is just to provide a review of what truths we know about God.)*
- Do you have to be happy with what you have to be content? Why or why not?

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MADE TO MOVE

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



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: Paper plates, markers, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Give kids a Bible.
- Look up Luke 12:15 and read it together out loud.

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Finding verses with 4th-5th graders: Our verse is from Luke. Ask kids to tell you whether that's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. (New) So we know it's toward the back of the Bible. It's the third of the four gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). When they find Luke, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Tell them to find chapter 12. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Tell them to them find verse 15 in chapter 12.

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

When is it hardest to be content?

- Give each kid a paper plate and instruct them to write the verse on the plate.
- When everyone is finished, ask kids to use one hand balance their plate on their palm (or fingertips) like a restaurant server carrying a serving platter.
- When you say go, kids try to knock each other's plates off their hands while guarding their plate.
- If a kid's plate falls, they are out for the round.
- The last kid left still balancing his plate wins the round.
- Play a few rounds as time and interest allow.
- Gather kids together.
- Ask:
 - How can we be on our guard against wanting to have more and more?
 - What could be some consequences of not being okay with what we have?
 - What are some consequences of learning contentment?
 - What are ways we can learn to be okay with what we have?

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MADE TO REFLECT

an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER

[PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Explain that one way we can learn to be content is to be thankful.
- Provide the following prompts and encourage kids to finish the sentence as a prayer, either aloud or silently.
 - God, I am thankful You are . . .
 - God, I am thankful for the Bible. One thing I learned today was . . .
 - God, I am thankful You will help me content when it is hard, especially when . . .
 - God, I am thankful You are with me always and are teaching me how to be content in all circumstances. Amen.

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