



WEEK  
**TWO**  
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP  
**PRETEEN**

**PRELUDE      SOCIAL      STORY      WORSHIP      GROUPS      HOME**

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION  
15 MINUTES

### MADE TO EXPLORE

an activity that extends learning through hands-on experimentation and discovery



### OPENING ACTIVITY

WHAT YOU NEED: Coins

#### WHAT YOU DO:

- Line kids up facing a wall.
- Instruct kids put their hand near their ear and elevate their arm so their elbow is pointing straight out.
- Give each kid a penny and tell them to balance the penny on their elbow.
- Challenge kids to drop the pennies from their elbows and, using the hands by their ears, try to catch the pennies before it hits the ground.
- Challenge kids to stack more and more pennies on their elbows and see how many they can catch.

### TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

#### I Want It That Way

King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard  
1 Kings 21:1-19, 27

### TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

What can you do when you find yourself wanting more and more?

#### WHAT YOU SAY:

"The more and more coins we tried to balance the harder it was to catch them all and pennies ended up flying everywhere. **[Transition] Let's head to Large Group to hear about what can happen when you want to grab more and more stuff.**"

Lead your group to the Large Group area.

### TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE

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### MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE

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Luke 12:15, NlrV

### MONTHLY LIFE APP

Contentment—Learning to be okay with what you have

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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:**

- Does being content mean that you never want anything? Is it possible to want something and still be content?
- What is the difference between wanting something and being greedy?
- What can be a consequence of obsessing with what you want?
- How can being content show that you trust God?
- What can you do if you find yourself wanting more and more?

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### TAKE A SNAPSHOT

[LIVE FOR GOD | APPLICATION ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Butcher paper, markers

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids around a piece of butcher paper.
- Set out the markers and ask kids to draw something they would like to have. Kids can draw multiple objects.
- **[Make It Personal] Be sure to draw something yourself, too.**
- Lead kids in discussion as they work on their drawings. Let them talk about what they're drawing, if they've ever had something like what they're drawing, why they want those things, etc.
  - What does it mean to be content?
  - What does it look like to be content even when we don't get what we want?
  - What does it look like to not be content when we don't get what we want?

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an activity that creates space for personal processing and application



### MAKE IT PERSONAL WITH PRAYER [PRAY TO GOD | PRAYER ACTIVITY]

**WHAT YOU NEED:** Optional: the butcher paper from the Take a Snapshot Activity

**WHAT YOU DO:**

- Gather kids around the butcher paper from the Take a Snapshot Activity.
- Remind kids that being content doesn't mean we don't want things; being content means we are okay even if we don't get what we want.
- Guide kids to pray, telling God what they want and asking for His guidance to be content even when they don't get what they want.
- Close with prayer:

"God, You are so generous! You have given us so much! *(Pause and encourage kids to thank God for things He has given them)* God, You know we want *(Pause and encourage kids to tell God what they want)*. God, even if we don't get everything we want, we know we can trust You no matter what! Remind us, especially when we struggle with wanting more and more, that we need to focus on You! You are the best! Amen!"

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