



WEEK
FOUR
NOVEMBER 2021

SMALL GROUP
PRETEEN

PRELUDE

SOCIAL

STORY

WORSHIP

GROUPS

HOME

PROVIDING TIME FOR FUN INTERACTION
15 MINUTES

MADE TO MOVE

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



Before kids arrive, take a couple of minutes to pray for your group as you head into the busy time of the Christmas season. Pray for patience as you lead in this exciting season and ask for wisdom for how to help your kids connect with the idea of contentment through being generous with what they already have to give.

TODAY'S BIBLE STORY

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

TODAY'S KEY QUESTION

How can you use what you have to help others?

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

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.

JUST FOR FUN

WHAT YOU NEED: Offering container, hula hoops, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Invite kids to put their offerings in the offering container as they arrive.
- Give kids a hula hoop and see who can roll it the farthest. (Kids will roll hula hoops as part of the Take a Snapshot Activity, so this gives kids an opportunity to practice their hula hoop rolling skills before Group Time.)
- As kids practice, ask:
 - Did anyone accept my challenge from last week and memorize Luke 12:15 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18?
- Give kids an opportunity to recite the verses from memory.



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PRELUDE SOCIAL STORY WORSHIP GROUPS HOME

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:

- What can you do when you don't think you have anything you can use to help someone?
- What's one thing you can do this week to use what you have to help someone else?
- What does contentment have to do with generosity?
- How can being content show others that you trust God?
- (If more than a couple kids in your group have phones, ask the following question.) How does social media affect our ability to learn to be content with what we have?

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MADE TO CREATE

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



VERSE TO TAKE WITH YOU

[HEAR FROM GOD | MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY]

WHAT YOU NEED: "Container of Stuff," scissors, glue, miscellaneous craft supplies, Bibles

WHAT YOU DO:

- Gather kids in a circle.
- Dump out the "Container of Stuff" in the center of the circle.
- Challenge kids to see the pile of "stuff" in a new way and to upcycle the items to make something else.
- Supply kids with additional miscellaneous craft supplies like scissors, glue, markers, etc.
- As kids work, guide them to talk about ways they can use what they have to help others. Encourage them to see what they have in a new way.
 - Encourage kids to share a time they used what they had to help someone. **[Make it Personal] (Share about a time when you used what you had to help someone.)**
 - What does contentment have to do with generosity?
 - How can being content affect how you treat others?
- Gather kids together and give kids time to share their upcycled creations with each other.
- Look up Isaiah 55:8 and read it to the kids.
- Ask:
 - What does this passage tell you about God?
 - How can remembering that God's ways and God's thoughts are so much more than we can imagine help us to be okay with what we have?
 - How can using what we have point others toward God?
- Encourage kids to write the verse reference, Isaiah 55:8 somewhere on their creation to remind them to see what they have in a new way and to use what they have to help others.

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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.
- Ask: In one sentence, what did you learn about contentment this month?
- Close in prayer.

WHAT YOU SAY:

"God, Through Your Word, You have taught us so much about contentment this month. Through Your power we can learn to be okay with what we have. God, help us be thankful for what we have right now. Help us to be generous with what we have and show us ways we can use what we have to help others. Amen!"

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