LESSON 8 "CONTENTMENT" (page 1)



BIBLE CONNECTION

Luke 10:38-42 (page 1123)

CHARACTER WORD

<u>Contentment</u> – being happy with what I have

TEACHING OBJECTIVE

I can be <u>content</u> because Jesus is enough for me.

MEMORY LINK

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1033)

SUPPLIES NEEDED THIS WEEK

GET CONNECTED

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY Option 1: Deck of cards Option 2: Index cards

BIBLE CONNECTION

Mixing bowl, wooden spoon, apron, chair

SURF TEAM LEADER

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

MAKE-IT-STICK REVIEW GAME Option 1: Colored paper, beach pail Option 2: None

Jesus Visits Two Sisters

WHAT'S THE POINT?

Today the kids will hear the story of Jesus' visit to Mary and Martha's home. While Martha was busy preparing a meal, Mary was <u>content</u> to sit at Jesus' feet to listen and learn. While Martha was worried about getting everything ready to serve Jesus, Mary elected for something better – to be a disciple of Jesus. Jesus made it clear which sister made the better choice on that day. Explain to your students that taking time to be with Jesus is always the best choice that we can make. Spending time with Jesus can help them not only grow in their relationship with him, but find <u>contentment</u> in Jesus. Begin praying that each of the students in your care will learn to find <u>contentment</u> in Jesus.

GET CONNECTED



Building relationships in Surf Teams; introducing today's lesson

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the kids in your Surf Team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Our Character Word is contentment. What does that mean to you?
- How hard is it to be <u>content</u> with what you have?
- What gets in the way of <u>contentment</u>?
- Make <u>contentment</u> real by asking the kids how often they see a new game or toy and want it. Ask the students how someone who is <u>content</u> would see new toys?

Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.

WORSHIP TIME



Pointing hearts toward God

Do you ever think about all the times that we complain about what we don't have or those things that we want? What might happen if we changed our focus from what we don't have to what we do have? Worship is about being thankful to God for his many gifts to us. Focusing on thankfulness and gratitude to God can help us be <u>content</u> with what we have. Let's lift our voices to God and thank him for all that he has done for us. Optional choices are: "Sing, Sing, Sing" by Chris Tomlin and "10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)" by Matt Redman.

MEMORY LINK



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2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students 8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse

No supplies needed

Focus on the Bible 📖

Who brought a Bible? Each week in Memory Link, count who remembered to bring their Bible. Encourage kids to hold up their Bibles high in the air while you count. Keep a running total each week and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week.

Focus on Today's Memory Link 📖

Ask the kids to open their KBC Study Bible to Matthew 6:33 (page 1033) and follow along as a volunteer reads the verse aloud. Guide them to mark their Memory Link in their Bible. Explain that seeking the kingdom of God is obeying Jesus' teachings. Also, explain that seeking His righteousness is following God's plan for salvation – to ADMIT, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus.

Help kids understand that the things God adds can't be bought in a store. When you seek God first, He gives to you things like <u>contentment</u>, peace, hope and eternal life through Jesus.

Option 1 – 52 CARD PICK UP

One deck of cards per Surf Team

Make a mess by spreading out the deck of cards, face down. Ask the students, one at a time, to match two cards by color, number or suit and bring the matching cards back to the leader. At that point, the student will recite the Memory Link.

Option 2 - WORD MIX UP

Index cards

Prepare

Write each word of the verse on a separate index card. Make one set per Surf Team.

Give each Surf Team leader a set of the index cards. Have them mix up the cards and scatter them, face up, on the floor. Instruct the kids to work together to place the words of the verse in the correct order.

Matthew 6:33

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." (KBC Study Bible pg. 1033)

Helpful Tip

Be prepared! Ahead of time, practice explaining the activity so you are able to do it clearly and concisely during club. Be time sensitive. Keep your explanation and instructions short so students have maximum activity time.

BIBLE CONNECTION



LESSON 8 "CONTENTMENT" (page 3)

Teaching today's Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Mixing bowl, wooden spoon, apron, chair

Set the Stage

What is the newest, coolest thing that kids might want? (Allow kids to discuss.) Hold up the number of fingers that indicate how much you'd like to have that thing. No fingers mean you don't want it at all, 10 fingers means you really want that thing!

Discuss further using the following questions:

- How much do you need that really cool thing?
- Do you already have something similar?
- Is that thing necessary like food, water or shelter?

Today's Character Word is <u>contentment</u>, which means to be satisfied with what you have. But being <u>content</u> isn't only about being satisfied with your possessions. How can you show <u>contentment</u> with these situations? (Discuss)

• You woke up late. When you got to school, you remembered it was picture day, and you really didn't look your best.

- Someone else chose the book, you wanted to read.
- You brought your lunch. When you get to the cafeteria, you realize they're serving your favorite meal.
- You were at the end of the line in a game, and time ran out before you got a turn.

Tell the Story

Today, you will hear a story of two sisters who met with Jesus. One sister was busy getting a meal together to serve to Jesus and his followers. The other sister just sat at Jesus' feet, listening to him. (Ask rhetorically) Which sister do you think is making the better choice? The answer might surprise you! One sister showed <u>contentment</u> and the other did not. See if you can tell which was which.

*T*ell kids to open their Bibles to Luke 10:38-42 (page 1123). Challenge them to locate the names "Martha," "Mary" and "Jesus" in the passage. Guide kids to follow along as you read the story from the Bible. Ask kids to keep their Bibles open and listen as you re-tell the story with help from your actors.

Jesus and his disciples traveled to many places as Jesus taught about God and healed people. One day, Jesus and his disciples entered the village of Bethany and Jesus saw Martha who said...

Martha: "Jesus, please come to my house and have a meal with my sister and me."

Jesus: (Enters the 'house' and sits on a chair.) **Mary:** (Sits quietly at Jesus' feet.)

Jesus entered into Martha's house where he sat down and taught his disciples. Jesus' disciples were joined by Martha's sister, Mary. While Mary was listening to Jesus' teaching, Martha was busy serving the guests and getting the meal ready. This irritated Martha who says to Jesus...

As You Prepare

Enlist three students, one each to play Jesus, Mary, and Martha. Make Mary aware that she won't have reading lines. Print out an extra copy of your lesson for Jesus, Mary and Martha. Provide Martha with props of a bowl, spoon, and apron. Provide a chair for Jesus. **Martha**: (shows irritation as she speaks to Jesus) "Jesus, would you please tell my sister to help me? It's not fair that I have to do all the work while Mary just sits around."

Jesus rebuked Martha...

Jesus: "Martha! Do not worry about so many things. While you've been busy serving, Mary chose to listen to my teaching, and I am not going to tell her to stop!"

Thank your actors for a job well done.

Did anything in this story surprise you? (Allow students to share.) Was Mary doing more than "just" sitting around? (Yes) What was Mary doing? (Listening to Jesus' teaching.) Was Martha doing something good? (Yes) What was Martha doing? (Serving others.) But what would have been the better choice for Martha? (Listening to Jesus teach.)

Where did you notice <u>contentment</u> in the story? (allow kids to share) Mary was <u>content</u> to be with Jesus while Martha was worried about many things. While Martha was doing something good (serving) she needed to be doing something better by listening to Jesus' teachings. Mary showed <u>contentment</u> by listening to Jesus rather than making herself too busy.

Guide kids to recite Matthew 6:33 (page 1033) together. Remind the students that Jesus commanded people to seek first the kingdom of God. *Listening to and obeying Jesus' teachings should be the most important thing in our lives. We can be <u>content</u> like Mary when we seek God first. You can be <u>content</u> because Jesus is enough.*

Application

Remind the students that there are two great ways to listen to Jesus' teaching. One way is to come every week to Beach Club to hear more true stories about Jesus and His Word. Another way is to read the Bible! Rather than opening their Bibles just once a week at Beach Club, kids can learn more of Jesus' teachings by reading their Bibles every day.

Gospel Connection

Mary sat at Jesus' feet and listened to his teaching because she wanted to be a follower of Jesus. Becoming a follower of Jesus just like Mary is as simple as A-B-C. All you have to do is ADMIT, BELIEVE and CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. ADMIT you're a sinner and ASK Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your life. Next, BELIEVE that Jesus' sacrifice paid the debt for your sin and then CHOOSE TO FOLLOW Jesus by turning away from your sin and choosing God's way rather than your own way.

Invite students wanting to know more about praying to ask Jesus to be their forever friend to move to the designated counseling area to talk with a leader one on one. Be sure to have all the decision supplies available.

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Teaching Tip

Give students a sneak peek into your devotional life. How do you spend time with God? How do you study the Bible? Briefly share with them something you read this week. Share with them that you sometimes forget to read your Bible, but it's always important to start reading again no matter how long it's been since you last read it.

SURF TEAM TIME



LESSON 8 "CONTENTMENT" (page 5)

Connecting with kids in small groups; applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens

Today's Bible Lesson 🛄

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their forever friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?
- In today's story, who made the better choice? What made Mary's choice to listen to Jesus the better one?
- How did Mary show contentment? How can you show contentment?
- Who will you invite to Beach Club next week?

Use the Bible

Give each child a Memory Link card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide kids to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles. Lead them to highlight today's Memory Link.

Hang 10 Pages

Give each child a Hang 10 page. Challenge kids to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage kids to bring back their Hang 10 pages next week.

When you read Day 1 of your Hang 10 this week, you will be reminded to seek God before anything else. You will find that there are rewards for seeking God first. These are much more valuable than anything that you could buy in a store. Check it out!

Pray

Give the kids a few minutes to share their prayer requests or write them on index cards. Ask someone to lead the group in prayer. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the kids in your Surf Team this week.

Jesus, help us to always put You first! Help us learn to be <u>content</u> with all that You give us and do for us. We love You. In Jesus' name, amen.

Gospel Tip

We believe the "age of accountability" is the moment of conviction brought about by the Holy Spirit causing a point of decision for or against Christ. The Bible does not offer one way of salvation for children and another for adults. The basics of salvation are the same regardless of age. For more help on leading a student to Christ, see pages 27-30 in the **KBC** Leadership Manual Volume 2: Beach Club Essentials.

MAKE IT STICK - REVIEW GAME

5-10 MINUTES

LESSON 8 "CONTENTMENT" (page 6)

Playing a game to review today's Bible Connection and Character Word

Option 1 - BEACH CLUB BASKETBALL

Colored paper, beach pail

Crumple the colored paper, spread it across a medium-to-large area and divide students into two teams. One person from each team runs to the pile of crumpled paper, picks one up and shoots it into the pail to make a basket. Whoever lands their paper into the pail first gets to answer the review question.

Option 2 - STARING CONTEST

No supplies needed

Divide the students into two teams. One person from each team has a staring contest. The student who blinks first is "out" and the second student gets to answer the review question. Award 10 points to each student who answers a question correctly. At the end of time, calculate points and declare a winner.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

- 1. Where is today's Memory Link found? (Matthew 6:33?)
- 2. What is today's Character Word? (Contentment)
- 3. What were the names of the three people in today's Bible story? (Jesus, Martha, Mary)
- 4. In which book of the Bible is our story from today? (Luke)
- 5. Who invited Jesus into her home? (Martha)
- 6. What was Martha busy doing? (serving/getting a meal ready)
- 7. What was Mary doing? (listening to Jesus)
- 8. Who asked Jesus to correct her sister? (Martha)
- 9. Which sister showed <u>contentment</u>, knowing Jesus is enough? (Mary)
- 10. What are the A-B-Cs for following Jesus? (Admit, Believe, Choose to Follow)
- 11. Why was Mary making a better choice? (she listened to Jesus' teachings)
- 12. How did Mary show <u>contentment</u>? (she did not worry about too many things)

Teaching Tip

Your job is to have fun helping students make the truths from the Bible "stick" in their hearts. Be flexible! Sometimes games don't work out like you planned. Be ready to make last minute changes and adjustments in the event of the unexpected. Listen carefully as the story is told and delete a question if needed. The point is to help students learn and have fun doing it. Don't lose your cool! Go with the flow!

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

