

Upcycle: Roll with what you've got



First, watch
this week's
video!

Contentment:
Learning to
be okay with
what you have

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

Bible Story

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

Bottom Line

God can help
you be content.

Use this guide to help your family learn
how God can help us be content.

Activity

Don't Get Stuck!

What You Need:

Painter's or masking tape

What You Do:

Create a circle on the floor using the tape. (If you don't have tape, you could create a circle on the floor using small stuffed animals or pillows.)

Ask the following questions, one at a time. If your kid gets one wrong, send them to the discontentment circle. (Make sure this feels silly and fun!) You can have them stand on one foot while they're in the circle, or do jumping jacks, sit-ups, push-ups, etc. You can change the activity if your kid gets overtired, or just to switch things up. The more they're in and out of the circle, the more fun the game will be. Feel free to personalize the game by adding some silly true or false questions related to your family.

True or False?

Sharks are mammals. (*False—they're fish*)

Humans have four lungs. (*False—we have two*)

Adult human skeletons have 208 bones. (*False—206 bones*)

Mars is the closest planet to the sun. (*False—Mercury is*)

You cannot cry in space. (*True*)

There are no words in the English language that rhyme with orange. (*True*)

"A" is the most common letter in the English alphabet. (*False—"E" is*)

Some animals can get a sunburn. (*True*)

Crocodiles have sweat glands. (*False*)

Camels have two sets of eyelids. (*False—they have three*)

Talk About the Bible Story

How would you have felt if you had been Paul—not allowed to leave your house?

Even though Paul was under house arrest, he was thankful for what he had. How do you think Paul was able to do that? (*Paul was able to find contentment by trusting that God would give him everything he needed, no matter what situation he was in.*)

What's the difference between a want and a need? (*A need is something we need to live and be healthy. A want is something that we don't necessarily need.*)

What are ways we can learn to be okay with what we have? (*being thankful, being generous*)

Parent: Share a story about when things did not go well for you, but you were still able to be content. How did God help you find contentment despite your circumstances?

Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, we love You. Help us choose to be content this week when good and not-so-good things happen. Remind us that You are with us, You love us, and You are working for good, no matter what happens. You are an awesome God. Thanks for hearing our prayer. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen."