

LESSON OVERVIEW

Big Idea: Be happy with what God already gave you

Key Question: Why should we be happy?

Memory Verse: *Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have.* **Hebrews 13:5**

Overview: We're continuing in our series about money! Last week, we learned where money comes from. It doesn't come from trees or aliens or even our parents. Money comes from God. He gives us everything we need, including our money. We also learned that we shouldn't trust in money or the stuff it can buy. We should trust in God because he knows what we need and he will provide it for us. Today, we're going to talk about how silly it is to love money. Actual money is gross and dirty. Do you know how many hands touch that stuff? When people say they love money, they usually mean they love the stuff money can buy. You know, things like the latest video game or a new pair of shoes. But, God doesn't want us to love our stuff too much. It's okay to like our toys or our new soccer ball, but God doesn't want us to like things more than him. See, if all we want is more stuff, we'll lose sight of what's really important. God should always be first in our lives. He gives us what we need so we should be happy with whatever we have. And, we shouldn't be worried about getting more. We should thank God for how generous he is toward us. So, don't love money-the actual dirty stuff or even the stuff that money can buy.

CLASSROOM AGENDA

5 min **PLAY:** Begin working on Activity Page #1.

5 min **WARM UP:** If you were given a million dollars, what would you buy?

5 min **PREVIEW:** Write out the Big Idea and Memory Verse and Key Question on a whiteboard. Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1. (if applicable)

20 min **LARGE GROUP:** Gather for songs and videos with other kids. Then return to small group to finish this guide.

5 min **RECAP:** Read the **Lesson Overview** from the Teacher's Guide to the class and then **answer** the KEY QUESTION.

5 min **EXPLORE:** Read [Luke 12:15](#). What does it mean to be greedy? Why can't our stuff make us truly happy?

10 min **PLAY:** Do the group activity from Activity Page #2.

5 min **CLOSE:**

- What will you thank God for this week?
- Share prayer requests and pray as a class.

TEACHER TIPS

2nd-5th puzzle key: Thankful, Money, Bible, God. **Message:** Be happy with what you have

Allow each kid to share. The point: It's fun to dream of all the stuff we could buy with a million dollars. But, getting more stuff won't make us happy. We need to thank God for what he's already given us.

Answer: Because God has already been generous to us. Our focus shouldn't be on the next cool thing we want to buy. Our toys and games will never bring us true happiness. Instead, we need to focus on the fact that the God of the universe loves us! He gives us food to eat, air to breathe, people who love us and he gave us Jesus! God has already given us so much and he promises to give us what we need. Now, those are some great reasons to be happy!

Bonus Questions: What are some other things God has given you? Why can't your toys or games make you truly happy?
4-5th: How does being thankful for what you already have change your attitude toward money?

Greedy means we just want more and more stuff. We're never satisfied with what we have. Our stuff will never make us truly happy because there will always be something bigger, better, and faster than what we already have. Games and toys just bring temporary happiness until they break or become uncool. But, God never changes. He never goes out of style. And, only he knows how to truly make us happy because he created us!

Allow kids to share. Encourage them to be specific.

ACTIVITY PAGE #2

Classroom Activities 2nd-5th

Option #1

Be Happy With What You Have Book

- Give each kid a book template (**page 5**).
- Have kids cut out each square.
- Have kids draw a picture of 4 things they're thankful for that they already have, one thing per square..
- As they work, remind the kids that stuff can't make them happy, only God can. The next time they want something new, tell them to look at their book to remind them of what they already have.
- When they finish, have them place the title square on top and stack the rest of the squares behind it and staple the left side to make a booklet.

Supplies needed

- book template (pg. 5), 1 set per kid
- Pencils
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Staplers

Bonus Activity:

Play **Bible Hangman**.

Words or phrases: money, be thankful, don't love stuff

Option #2

Don't Love Stuff King of The Hill

- Before class, tape a square on the floor in the class big enough for a kid to stand in it. This will be the king's throne.
- To start the game, choose one kid to start as the king.
- Have the rest of the class line up single file, facing the king. The first kid in line gets to face off with the king.
- Ask a question from below. If the king gets it right first, they get to stay in the box. If the kid in line gets it right first, they get to be king. Previous king goes to the end of the line.

Questions:

1. What is the Big Idea today? (see board or teacher's notes)
2. True or False: we should only love our stuff. (F)
3. In what Bible book is our memory verse is found? (Hebrews)
4. Jesus died on a ____? (cross)
5. What is the book full of God's words? (Bible)
6. True or False: People don't love actual money. (T)
7. We should be ____ with what we already have. (happy)
8. What is our memory verse today? (see teacher's notes)
9. Who made the Earth? (God)
10. What's the name of your church?

Supplies needed

- tape

Bonus Activity:

Play **Find the Book in the Bible**.

Have kids get into pairs. Give each pair a Bible. Have them race to find the books below. First to find has to say if it's in the OT or NT.

Books: Hosea, Matthew, 2 John

1 Discover Truth

Watch this week's lesson video as a family (see link above) and fill in the blanks.

1. Nobody _____ actual money.
2. Some people love the _____ that money can buy.
3. Be _____ with what _____ already gave you.

2 Talk about it

Answer these questions together as a family.

1. If you were given a million dollars, what would you buy?
2. Why is it fun to buy lots of stuff?
3. What happens if all we want is stuff?
4. Make a list of things God has blessed you with. Take some time to thank him for all those things.
5. Read [Luke 12:15](#). What does it mean to be greedy? Why can't our stuff make us truly happy?

3 Live it out

Memorize this week's Bible verse:

"Don't love money; be satisfied with what you have."

Hebrews 13:5

Bonus: Read these additional passages as a family this week

- Read [Philippians 4:11-13](#). Content is just another word for happy. Why should we be happy no matter what?
- Read [Proverbs 1:19](#). Why does greed rob us of life?
- Read [2 Corinthians 9:8](#). Who provides us with all we need?

Parent Signature _____

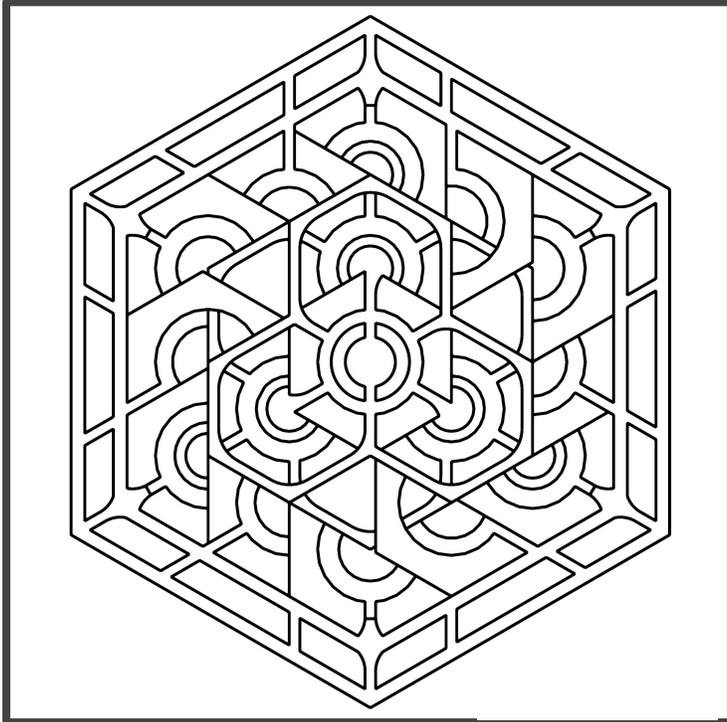


ACTIVITY PAGE #1

2nd-5th Grade

Kids

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BIG IDEA

KEY QUESTION

MEMORY VERSE

"Don't _____ money; be
_____ with _____ you
have.

Hebrews 13:_____

PUZZLE #2

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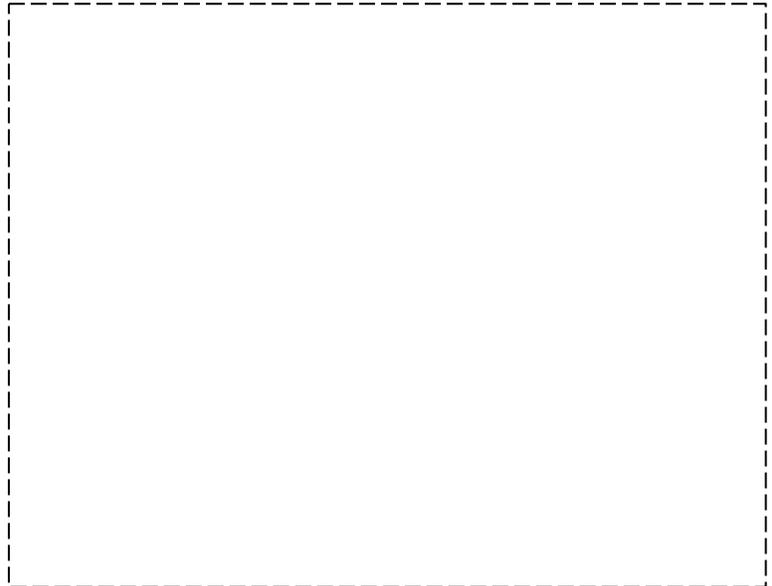
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