

Alley SG—November 14th-15th, 2021

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?

Today's Bottom Line: Wanting more and more can make you miserable.

Monthly Memory Verse: Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” (Luke 12:15 NIV)

1. Just for Fun

What You Need: Dice (8 per group), paper (1 per student), pen

What You Do:

- Give each kid a die, a piece of paper, and a marker.
- Instruct kids to roll their dice.
- If they roll a 2-5, they keep a running tally of the numbers they roll.
 - For example: If they roll a 2 and then roll a 4, they have 6 points.
- Kids write the number they roll on the paper to keep track of their points.
- If a 1 is rolled, that kid loses all their points and are out for the rest of that round.
- If a 6 is rolled, that kid doesn't get any points for that roll. They simply roll again.
- After each roll, kids have a choice to gather more points by rolling the die again or to stop rolling and wait for everyone else to finish.
- The round is over when everyone has stopped rolling the dice, either because they chose to stop or because they rolled a 1.
- The kid with the most points wins that round.
- Play several rounds.

2. Take a Snapshot

What You Need: Paper (1 per student), pens, markers

What You Do:

- Give each kid a piece of paper.
- Set out the pens and 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?

3. Bible Story Extension

What You Need: Masking tape (1 roll per group)

What You Do:

- Gather kids together.
- Hang three pieces of masking tape on the back of each kid's shirt. Leave a few inches of tape hanging loosely (i.e., not attached to the shirt).
 - Enlist kids' help in putting the tape on each other.
- When you say “GO,” kids will race to grab as many pieces of tape as they can from each other while also guarding the tape on their own back.

- Kids are out of the game once all the pieces of tape have been grabbed from their back. (You may need to inform kids when their tape is gone.)
- When time is up, declare the kid with the most pieces of tape from the others the winner.
- Gather kids in a circle.
- Use the following to talk about and review the story of King Ahab.
 - That was a fun game. To win you had to grab more and more pieces of tape. In our story today, who wanted more and more?
 - How would you describe King Ahab and why?
 - What did King Ahab want? How did he respond when he didn't get what he wanted?
 - Can you think of a time you really wanted something you didn't get or you wanted a better version of something you already had? Give kids an opportunity to share. How did you feel?
- **[Make it Personal] Share about a time when you wanted something so much and when you didn't get it you were not content. How did you respond? Did you pout? Were you obsessed with thinking about it?**
 - How did King Ahab's obsession to get more and more affect the people around him?
 - When we want more and more of something, or a better something, how can that affect the people around us?
 - What can we do when we find ourselves wanting more and more?

4. Coin Contentment

What You Need: Coins (bag of 40 pennies per Group)

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.

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] Today we heard about what can happen when you want to grab more and more stuff.”**

5. Make it Personal with Prayer

What You Need: Optional: the papers from the Take a Snapshot Activity

What You Do:

- Gather kids around their papers 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!”