

PRESCHOOL LESSON 10/25

MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA

TODAY'S MEMORY VERSE/BIG IDEA: Show the children the memory verse and talk about where it comes from (the Bible, the NEW Testament, the book of 1 Timothy, God said these words.) Discuss what the verse means.

(All Ages) "If we have food and clothes, we will be satisfied with that." 1 Timothy 6:8

VERSE MOTIONS

Food- pretend to bite into a sandwich and chew it

Clothes- pretend to put on a vest

Satisfied with that- two thumbs up, nod head up and down

PRAYER

Dear God,
Thank you for the many good things you give us, like our food and our clothes. Lord, help us not to be whiny about the things we want but don't have. Help us not to complain, or be selfish and try to get lots of stuff for ourselves. We know that you want us to be happy about what you have given us and not be greedy for more and more money or things. You take care of us and help us get the things we really need.

Amen.

BIBLE STORY AND REVIEW QUESTIONS:

Ages 3-Kindergarten: read all with questions. Under age 3: read **highlighted only** and skip questions.

1. Pretend that you see a commercial for a new toy and you really want your mom or dad to buy it for you. You ask your parent and they say, no, they will not buy that toy for you. You decided to whine and cry because you are upset that you cannot have this new toy from the commercial. You whine and cry for a whole hour! You are just miserable and sad for that whole hour. But... you could have stopped crying and just played with the toys that you DO have. You would be so much happier if you played with the toys you DO have for an hour instead of crying and whining for an hour about the toy you DON'T have. That's kind of like our Bible story today...

Review Question: Is it better to whine and cry about what you don't have OR to enjoy and be happy about what you already do have? *(be happy with what you already have)*

2. Paul was a man who traveled everywhere telling people about Jesus. He wanted people to know that Jesus loved them and that they should listen to God. Paul said, "When we were born as babies, we carried nothing with us. We didn't have any clothes or anything that belonged to us. So, **as long as we have food and clothes now, we can be satisfied with that.**" But what does "satisfied" mean? It means we can be happy with just having what belongs to us now, and not trying to get more and more money, and toys, and stuff for ourselves.

Review Question: What does "satisfied" mean? *(we can be happy with what we have now, not just try to get more and more stuff for ourselves)*

3. Paul said, "**Some people try to get lots of money or nice things for themselves. But they are caught in a trap! Those things don't last forever. They break all the time and also make people fight over them. People are sad when they love money and other things more than God. Nothing can make you happy like loving God can.**"

Review Question: How do people feel when they love money and toys and stuff more than they love God? *(sad, not satisfied, miserable, fight over stuff)*

4. Paul said, "I try to tell everyone about Jesus, but some people don't like that. They put me in jail, they hit me and throw rocks at me. I've had other bad things happen to me too- like my boat sinking three different times. Sometimes I've been hungry, thirsty, and cold because I haven't had any food, water, or clothes. But you know what? I have found a way to still be happy- even when all these bad things happen. Do you know why? I can be happy no matter what because I know that God loves me. I don't need to have lots of money or stuff. I can be satisfied with what I have and know that God will **always take care of me.**" Do you thank God for the things you already have? God doesn't always give us all the stuff we want. But, do you trust He will give you the things you really need?

