

City LG - October 13-14, 2018

Bible Story: Just Can't Get Enough (Don't Be Controlled by Money) • *Hebrews 13:5*

Bottom Line: Stuff can't keep you happy. Only God can!

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 (NirV)*

CG: 2-minute Countdown Video

CG: Welcome Video

While Welcome Video is playing, Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.

WORSHIP: "At the Top of My Lungs" and "Hands Toward Heaven"

(Worship Leader Prays)

"Hi, everyone! Welcome once again to The City Game Show, called "More or Less", where we are learning about what it means to show contentment this month! Here's what we are saying contentment is..."

CG: Contentment Slide

"Contentment is deciding to be okay with what you have.

"I want to show you a really cool verse about contentment that comes from the book of Hebrews. Listen to this.

Open the Bible to Hebrews 13:5 (NirV) and read.

"Don't be controlled by love for money. Be happy with what you have. God has said, "I will never leave you. I will never desert you."

"The person who wrote Hebrews was writing to share some wisdom with some of the first followers of Jesus. If adults aren't careful, they can end up loving money too much, and that was true for the people who lived back then, too. For you, it might not be about money, but maybe you're tempted to love STUFF. Maybe you LOVE American Girl® dolls. Maybe you LOVE your Nintendo® Switch. Maybe you LOVE chocolate cake. None of those things are bad, but we can get in trouble if we let our LOVE for those things control our lives. Whatever things we love can end up hurting us when they become too important to us. Our Bible Story video today will show you a little more of what I mean. Let's take a look!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 7:30)

"Wow. What a great story! It sure is easy to get caught up in the idea that stuff can make us happy. When we feel sad or frustrated, it's easy to think that getting that new game or toy could fix it for us. But that's just not true. Getting more stuff just makes us WANT more stuff.

It's like the verse from Hebrews said: you can't let your love of stuff control you.

"Stuff might make you happy for a little while, but then you just want more! The only way to really be happy is when you learn to be content—when you decide to be okay with what you have. Focus on the things that last, like your relationship with God and your relationships with your family and friends.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

"Remember, **[Bottom Line] stuff can't keep you happy. Only God can!**"

"Look at your friend sitting next to you and say it again."

KIDS: [Bottom Line] "Stuff can't keep you happy. Only God can!"

"Instead of thinking about the things you WANT, think about the things you HAVE. Think about ways you can love God and love other people. Think about how you could brighten someone's day, like saying a kind word, drawing a picture for them, or just being willing to listen. When you focus on that, all of a sudden the things you want just don't seem quite as important.

"You'll get to talk about that some more back in Small Group. Have a great time!"

Let's read Hebrews 13:5 again."

Open the Bible to Hebrews 13:5 (NirV) and read.

"Don't be controlled by love for money. Be happy with what you have. God has said, "I will never leave you. I will never desert you."

"God wants you to be happy with what you have—not just the stuff you have, but the other things He has given you. God has created this incredible world for you to live in and enjoy. He has given you the opportunity to have a relationship with Him and to be part of His family. He has put people in your life who love you and want to do what's best for you. All of those things are much more important than ice cream, video games, and LEGOs, don't you think? Best of all, God promises in this verse that He will always be with us. He'll never leave us! Before we dismiss to Small Groups, let's worship God with our offering and pray!"

Offering Time:

"Offering time is a chance for us to bring our money to God, so he can use it to make somebody else's life better. For us, here in the City, we give our offering to an organization called 'Missions of Hope' to help kids in Kenya have food, clothes, and learn about God's love for them."

Here at (your Campus name), we bring our offering to help support:

Homer Glen: Victor

New Lenox: Daniel

Orland Park: Michael and Valerie

CG: Picture of Child

“(Your Campus Child) lives in Nairobi, Kenya. Here’s some fun facts about Nairobi!”

CG: Nairobi Facts JPEG

If you brought your offering today, you can bring it up now and place it here in our brand new offering container while our Offering Video plays! (*show offering container*).”

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 1:30)

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Let’s pray and thank God for all the things He’s given us.”

Pray: “God, thank You so much for all of the wonderful ways You take care of us. Thank You for all the people and things You’ve put in our lives to remind us that You’re always there. Help us to remember that stuff can never keep us happy. Help us choose to be content with what we have. Help us to remember to **[Basic Truth] trust You no matter what**. We love You, and we pray in Jesus’ name, amen.

Dismiss to Small Groups.