

City LG - October 20-21, 2018

Bible Story: Sour Grapes (King Ahab and Naboth's Vineyard) • *1 Kings 21:1-19, 27*

Bottom Line: Wanting what others have can make you miserable.

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: "We Are Royals" and "Every Beat"

(Worship Leader Prays)

"Hi, my friends! I'm so excited to be here today with you all, as we continue learning what it means to show contentment. Before we get started today, since we're here in a Game Show, why don't we play a game? Does anyone here want to play a game?!?!"

GAME: Head, Shoulders, Knees, and...Grape?

What You Need: Ball (1 per pair of children)

What You Do:

- Instruct kids to pair up and face their partners.
- Place a ball on the floor between each pair.
- Tell kids that you're going to shout out either, "head," "shoulders," "knees," or "grape."
- Whenever you shout out a word, kids should touch their own head, shoulders, or knees.
- When you shout, "Grape," they should try to grab the "grape" (ball) before their partner does.
- Call out a series of the three body parts, such as: "Head, knees, shoulders, knees, head, shoulders, head, knees, head, GRAPE!"
- The kids who don't grab the grape sit down.
- The kids who grabbed the grape pair up with someone else who is still standing and play again.
- Continue playing until one kid is left standing.
- If you have time, start all over again.

What You Say:

"That game was crazy fun! And it makes me think there just might be something about grapes in our Bible story today **[Transition] Let's get started and find out!**"

"I've got a really great story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) to share with you today. It's about someone who had to decide if he could be content—if he could be okay with what he had. Kind

of like what our good friend, and World's Greatest Scottish rapper, MC Haggis had to deal with. Take a look!"

CG: MC Haggis Video (Runtime: 3:15)

"Poor MC Haggis! His bear wasn't as big as Shamous' bear. When things like that happen to us, how do we handle it? Do we get jealous and angry, or are we thankful and content that God provided for us? Let's take a look at this week's Bible Story, and find out what happened to a guy named King Ahab."

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:08)

That's a pretty wild story. And it reminds us of something really important.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Wanting what others have can make you miserable.

"I think that was definitely what happened to King Ahab, don't you?"

"A lot of times WE wish we had what other people have. You might not want your neighbor's vineyard, but you might wish you had your friends' toys, their clothes, or even their talents. It's so important for us to choose to be content with what we have, because **[Bottom Line] wanting what others have can make you miserable.**

"Sometimes we feel jealous and we want what someone else has. Have you ever felt that way? I definitely have. King Ahab convinced himself that what he wanted was more important than everything else—even someone else's life! But we know that people are more important than things. If wanting stuff starts to hurt others or hurt you, it's definitely not okay.

"So what should you do when your best friend gets that new video game you've been wanting for months, or when a girl from your class gets to miss a whole week of school to go on a cruise vacation like you've always dreamed of? I think it might help to remember this.

CG: Bottom Line Slide

[Bottom Line] "Wanting what others have can make you miserable.

"When you start to feel jealous, I think the very best thing you can do in those situations is to talk to God. Ask Him to help you be happy for the other person, and ask Him to help you be content with what you have.

"God wants us to love people the way He loves people. But we can't love others when all we feel is jealousy and anger. God can help us kick out those bad feelings (*kick the air*) and He'll fill us with His peace, joy, and contentment instead. We can choose to focus on THOSE things as we **[Basic Truth] trust God no matter what.**

"Remember what Jesus said in our memory verse?"

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“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).

We need to be on our guard so we can be content with what we have instead of being miserable about what we DON'T have! We need God's help to choose contentment, don't you think? Let's pray about that right now.”

Pray: “God, thank You for the story of King Ahab, Jezebel, Naboth, and Elijah. Thank You for all of the important things we can learn from it. Help us to learn to be content with the things that You've given us, instead of always wanting what someone else has. Help us to be thankful. Help us choose to be okay with what we have. We love You, and we pray in Jesus' name, amen.”

“You'll get to talk about that some more in Small Group. Before we head that way, let's worship God with our offering.”

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 how far away Nairobi is from Chicago!”

CG: Distance between Chicago and Nairobi JPEG

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

CG: Offering Video (Runtime: 1:30)

“Thank you for your kindness and generosity City! Have fun in Small Groups!”

Dismiss kids to their small groups.