

City LG - January 26-27, 2019

Bible Story: Too Much (Too Much of a Good Thing) • *Proverbs 25:16*

Bottom Line: God helps me know when to stop.

Memory Verse: “God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life.” *2 Peter 1:3a (NirV)*

CG: 2-minute Countdown Video

Large Group Leader/Worship Leader enthusiastically greets children and invites them to stand for Worship.

WORSHIP: “Turn it Up” and “Live Differently”

NOTE: If desired, take some time to demonstrate a few of the dance moves to the children before beginning Worship Time.

(Worship Leader Prays)

“Hi, everyone! That was some really great singing. I know God loves hearing all of you sing songs to Him!

“We’ve been talking all month about some really wise sayings from King Solomon in the book of Proverbs. *(Hold up Bible.)* Solomon talked a lot about why self-control is so important.

“Did you know that God appeared to Solomon shortly after he became king and told him to ask for anything he wanted? Can you imagine what THAT must have been like? Most people in that situation would ask to be rich or famous, but that’s not what Solomon asked for. He asked for wisdom. God had made him king over a huge nation of people, and Solomon wanted to be wise in the way he ruled over them. Sure enough, God gave Solomon the wisdom he asked for. Pretty cool, huh?

“The verse we’re looking at today is definitely full of the wisdom that God gave Solomon. You might be surprised that even though this verse is absolutely true, it’s also absolutely funny! Look at this. It’s Proverbs 25:16.

Open the Bible to Proverbs 25:16 (NirV) and read.

CG: Proverbs 25:16 Slide

“If you find honey, eat just enough. If you eat too much of it, you will throw up.”

“Whoa! Let me read that again.

“If you find honey, eat just enough. If you eat too much of it, you will throw up.”

“Now, let me ask you something. Do you think Solomon was only talking about honey? *(Pause for response.)* No. He was talking about ANY good thing God has given us. We can enjoy it just enough. That’s what our Bible Story Video is all about today. Let’s take a look!”

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:20)

“Too much of a good thing becomes a bad thing. When we overdo it, things don’t turn out the way they’re supposed to.

“What about you? When do you find it hard to stop? When are you tempted to overdo it? Maybe you’re tempted to overdo it when you have your favorite snack. Maybe you’re tempted to overdo it when it comes to screen time or video games. Or maybe you’re tempted to overdo it when you get an opportunity to go shopping for a new toy. Think about the situations when you’re tempted, and ask God to help you have self-control.

“This isn’t something you want to learn the hard way. Say our Bottom Line with me.”

CG: Bottom Line Slide

KIDS: [Bottom Line] “God helps me know when to stop.”

“You probably have some favorite things that are hard for you to stop. They may be GOOD things, but if you’re not careful, you can end up having too much of a good thing. The things we struggle with might be different for each one of us, but all of us struggle to know when to stop when it comes to our favorite things.

“It can be hard to know when to stop and even harder to actually stop ourselves. But remember, God is always with us and He wants to help us. Let’s take a look at our memory verse, 2 Peter 1:3a.

CG: Memory Verse Slide

“God’s power has given us everything we need to lead a godly life (NirV).”

“When you believe in Jesus and put your faith in Him, He gives you the gift of His Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit can help you each day as you choose to have self-control.

“Before we head to small groups today, let’s pray and ask God to help us have self-control. After that, we will worship God with our offering. Let’s pray!”

Pray: “God, thank You so much for giving King Solomon so much wisdom. Please help us to **know when to stop**. Thank You for loving us and for always knowing exactly what we need. We love You, and we ask these things in Jesus’ name, amen.”

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)

Dismiss to Small Groups