

City LG—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 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 wanting to have more and more things. Life is not made up of how much a person has."*
Luke 12:15 (NIRV)

WORSHIP: Chasing Me and Fireblazin'

Supplies Needed: 3 Action Figures (2 Male and 1 Female per Campus), "TO: LEADERS" Envelope, Box for Action Figures

"Hi, everyone! I've got a story from the Bible (*hold up Bible*) that shows us what contentment DOESN'T look like. It's a story we should really pay attention to, because it shows us what can happen when we forget to be content with what we have.

"This took place after the time of King David and King Solomon, when many different kings ruled over God's people. Some of these kings listened to God, but sadly, most of them did not. Unfortunately, King Ahab was one of the kings who didn't follow God at all.

Hold up the action figure representing King Ahab.

"Ahab thought only of himself. He did exactly what he wanted, whenever he wanted. No one ever said NO to King Ahab—not even his wife, Queen Jezebel."

Hold up the action figure representing Queen Jezebel. Then set it back in the box.

"One day, King Ahab decided that he wanted a vineyard. A vineyard is a field where people grow grapes.

Hold up the action figure representing King Ahab. Hold up one arm to make him "point."

(*as Ahab*) "I want THAT vineyard, over there!

(*to audience*) "But the vineyard Ahab wanted already belonged to someone else: a man named Naboth.

Hold up the action figure representing Naboth. During this next section, hold up Ahab with one hand and Naboth with the other and move them as if they're conversing.

"Ahab told Naboth . . .

(*as Ahab*) "I want your vineyard! I want to use it for a vegetable garden. It MUST be mine!

(to audience) "Ahab offered to trade a better vineyard for it or buy it from Naboth. But Naboth said, 'No.'

Shake the Naboth action figure back and forth, like he's shaking his head.

"You see, this land belonged to Naboth's family. It had been handed down to Naboth, and he wanted to keep it so his children and his children's children could use it, too."

Set the Naboth action figure back in the box.

"Ahab went home angry. (as the Ahab action figure) I am angry!

(to audience) "In fact, Ahab was so angry that he lay down on his bed and refused to eat anything.

Make the Ahab action figure lay down.

(as the Ahab action figure) "I refuse to eat anything!

(to audience) "Then Queen Jezebel came in.

Hold up the Jezebel action figure. If possible, have her sit down next to Ahab.

"Jezebel asked Ahab why he was in such a bad mood. Ahab told her that Naboth had refused to sell his vineyard. So Jezebel came up with a terrible plan. She told Ahab that she would get the vineyard for him. Jezebel wrote some letters to the leaders in Naboth's town.

Hold up the Jezebel action figure and the "TO: LEADERS" envelope.

"She told these leaders to make up some lies about Naboth, then have him killed. And you know what? (Pause.) The leaders did what she said!

Put the Jezebel action figure and envelope down.

"Can you believe that? How terrible! Naboth didn't do anything wrong, but he was killed because Ahab and Jezebel just HAD to have his vineyard."

"Leek's take a look at this week's video to find out what happened next!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)

"King Ahab and Queen Jezebel had caused some terrible trouble—all because Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard so badly. And things did NOT go well for the two of them in the end. They made themselves truly miserable.

Put the Ahab and Jezebel action figures back in the box.

“Let’s learn our Bottom Line for today!”

CG: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 2:00)

[Bottom Line] “Wanting more and more can make you miserable.

“It’s not that we can’t ever want things or want things to be different than they are. But it can be a problem when we want TOO much of something or when we want more and more things. Even if we get what we want, it never feels like enough.

“Let’s pray and ask God to help us be content instead of wanting more and more.”

PRAY: “Dear God, thank You so much for this story about King Ahab and Jezebel. It shows us how things can REALLY go wrong when we forget to be content. Sometimes, we feel like we want more and more and more . . . especially when we look around at what other people have. In those times, please show us how to be content and grateful for what we have. Help us to **[Basic Truth] trust You no matter what.** We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Wow. King Ahab REALLY wanted Naboth’s vineyard. He wanted it so badly that he and Queen Jezebel were willing to do terrible things to get it!

“Sometimes, we think that if we could just get that new thing we want, we’ll be happy. But that’s just not true. We can only find real happiness and contentment in God . . . not stuff. It’s not that you should never want things, or never want things to be different than they are. But when you want more and more and MORE things, it can make you feel awful in the end.

“Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] “Wanting more and more can make you miserable.

“Our memory verse for this month is something Jesus said, which we can find in Luke 12:15. Check it out.

SLIDE: Memory Verse

“Then he [Jesus] 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)

“Jesus knew that there’s so much more to this life than the stuff we have. The things that last are our memories . . . the times we spend with people we care about . . . and most of all, our relationship with God. Those are the things that are MOST important. If we can remember to focus on those things, then we’ll be content and thankful.

“You’ll get to talk about that some more in Small Group. In fact, we’ll head that way after this video!”

CG: Austin Fash Offering Video (Runtime: 3:00)

OFFERING:

Here in Parkview Kids, we bring our offering each week to help support (your Campus Child) learn more about Jesus just like we do here in Parkview Kids. Here's a picture of (your Campus Child)! If you brought your offering, you can bring it up now!"

Orland Park: Michael and Valeri, New Lenox: Daniel, Homer Glen: Victor

Dismiss kids to their small groups.