

City LG—November 21st-22nd, 2021

Today's Bible Story: In My Life (Israelites Long for Egypt) • *Exodus 16:2-21; 17:1-7*

Today's Bottom Line: Don't miss out on what you have now.

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)

ICE-BREAKER ACTIVITY: Zoomed In Thanksgiving Edition

CG: Zoomed In Thanksgiving Edition SLIDES

How to Play: Play the game and get the kids guessing what they think each zoomed in image is by holding up 1, 2, or 3 fingers based on their guesses. It could be a Turkey, a Pumpkin, Pie, Mashed Potatoes, etc. Have FUN and keep the energy high!

NOTE: There are 10 Rounds Total

What You Say: "Hey Parkview Kids! Welcome to the City! How many of you are excited for Thanksgiving this week! Me too! So let's play a game to see how well you can identify some Thanksgiving items. Here's the trick though; they'll be zoomed in! If you think you know what the item is, hold up a 1, 2, or 3 for your answer. Let's play!"

WORSHIP: Chasing Me and Fireblazin'

"Hi, everyone! Today we've got another Bible story about contentment. (*Hold up Bible.*) Unfortunately, this is one of those examples of some people who WEREN'T very content. But it's important for us to see what happened so we don't make the same mistake they did!

"We're picking up the story with God's people, the Israelites. The Israelites had lived as slaves in Egypt for hundreds of years. But God had just done the most amazing miracles to rescue them from Egypt! God literally parted the waters of the Red Sea (*gesture with your hands*) so they could walk through on dry land. God's people were finally free—and God was leading them to a new land that He prepared, just for them. But it didn't take long for their singing and celebration to turn into whining. Have you ever complained when things didn't go your way? I'm sure we all have.

(Share a personal age-appropriate story of a time when things didn't go your way. How you acted, reacted, and what you learned from it are all good examples)

"Now, for today's story, we'll pick up with the Israelites and Moses as they continue their journey to the land that God has promised them. Let's take a look at this week's video to find out more!"

CG: Lesson Video (Runtime: 6:00)

"Over and over, God showed that He would take care of the Israelites. God led them to freedom and promised them a new land to live in. And God had given them everything they needed along the way. But still, the Israelites wished they could go back to the way things were, back in Egypt!

"I know it's hard to believe. We look at their story and think, 'Why weren't they content?' I think it's because they didn't pay attention to what God was doing in their lives, right there and then. They forgot to trust God and believe that God was always working for their good. If we're not careful, that can happen to us, too. We can miss out on all the good things God is doing in our lives, right now. So let's be content! Let's trust God. Let's learn our Bottom Line for today!"

VIDEO: Bottom Line Video (Runtime: 1:30)

[Bottom Line] "Don't miss out on what you have now."

"Let's pray and ask God to help us trust Him."

PRAY: "God, thank You for providing what the Israelites needed. It seems so easy for us to think that they should have been grateful; but we know that we can forget to be content, too. Thank You for providing what WE need. Help us not to miss out because we're always wanting more. Show us how to be thankful and content for all that You're doing in our lives. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

"You know Parkview Kids, you'd think the Israelites would have been so happy that God led them out of slavery and provided what they needed in the desert. But instead, they whined and complained about what they DIDN'T have. The same thing can happen to us sometimes. It's easy for us to think about what we had before, or look forward to what we hope will happen in the future. But contentment means that we look for the things that are good in our lives, right now. We choose to believe that God is working in our lives, even if we can't always see it. We decide, every day, to **trust God no matter what**. Remember . . .

SLIDE: Bottom Line

[Bottom Line] "Don't miss out on what you have now."

"If you're having a hard time feeling content, think about all the things God has already done for you. He sent His Son, Jesus, to be your Savior. Jesus died on the cross so that we could have a relationship with God that will last forever. That will ALWAYS be true! If we focus on how much God loves us, that will fill us with hope, joy, and thankfulness, no matter what might happen around us."

Dismiss kids to their small groups after offering.

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