

## City LG—November 7th-8th, 2021

**Today's Bible Story:** Be OK (Be Content/Paul in Prison) • *Philippians 4:11b-13*

**Today's Bottom Line:** God can help you be content.

**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)

**NOTE: Have Kids get in their Small Groups to begin Service, then play Video...**

**CG: God Time Card Video (Campus Specific)**

**After Video, begin the Activity detailed below...**

**ICE-BREAKER Activity: Buzzwords**

**CG: Buzzwords Game Slides on Computer**

**NOTE: This activity will be done in Small Groups.**

**How to Play: Gather Kids into their Small Groups. Put up the Title Slide. Tell the Kids you will go from Small Group to Small Group and each Group/Team must give an answer (not already given) based on the Buzzword Slide on the Screen. If a Group gives an answer already given, they are out for that round. Play each round until there is a winning group.**

**Example: "B" Colors = "Blue, Beige, Brick Red, Burgundy, etc."**

**WORSHIP: Chasing Me and Fireblazin'**

"Hi, everyone! This month we're finding out what it means to live with contentment. One person who had something to say about that was the apostle Paul.

"Get this. Paul actually said that he had learned the SECRET of being content! Listen to what Paul wrote in a letter to the church at Philippi. We can find that letter in the New Testament of the Bible. (*Hold up Bible.*) Paul said . . .

*Open the Bible to Philippians 4:11-13 (NirV) and read.*

*"I have learned to be content no matter what happens to me. I know what it's like not to have what I need. I also know what it's like to have more than I need. I have learned the secret of being content no matter what happens. I am content whether I am well fed or hungry. I am content whether I have more than enough or not enough. I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.*

"Paul wanted the Philippians to understand that God can help us be okay in ANY situation, no matter what happens."

“If we go way back to when Paul was younger, we find that Paul was a respected religious leader with a lot of power.

“But Paul was missing something. He had heard about Jesus, but he didn’t yet believe that Jesus was God’s Son. In fact, Paul even tried to STOP people from believing in Jesus.

“But Jesus appeared to Paul in a blinding flash of light . . . and everything changed! Paul put his faith in Jesus. He believed that Jesus is the Savior who God had promised.

“Now Paul told others about Jesus and helped start new churches in lots of different places.”

“Of course, not everyone was happy about Paul’s new belief in Jesus. The other religious leaders were upset; and so were the local government leaders where Paul was traveling. They all thought Paul would cause a lot of trouble. So they made things pretty difficult for him. We’ll stop there and let our Bible Story Video pick up from here. Take a look!”

**CG: Lesson Video (Runtime 4:30)**

“God knows your story. God knows what you have and what you don’t have. But no matter what happens, God loves you. God sent His Son, Jesus, so that you can have a relationship with God that will last forever.

“And when you put your trust in Jesus . . . even in the tough times . . . you can be okay. Let’s learn this week’s Bottom Line!”

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

**[Bottom Line] “God can help you be content.**

“Of course, it’s not always easy to choose contentment. But it helps when we remember that **we can trust God no matter what**. God is ALWAYS working things for good, even when we can’t see it. Let’s pray and ask God to help us be content.”

**PRAY:** “God, it’s amazing how You helped Paul be content, even though so many tough things happened in his life. It helps us to know that You can help us be content, too. Please give us the strength to trust You, no matter what. Remind us to be grateful for Your love and for all the good things You do in our lives every day. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus’ name. Amen.”

“Our relationship with God is the only real way for us to be content. I mean, think about how things went for Paul. Paul went through a lot in his life . . . prison, shipwrecks, and more . . . but somehow, he learned how to be okay through it all. He trusted God, no matter what, and believed that God was always with him.

“You can choose to be content, too. And you don’t have to do it on your own!”

**SLIDE: Bottom Line**

**[Bottom Line] “God can help you be content.**

“When you put your trust in Jesus, you can rely on Him and the Holy Spirit to give you strength when you’re not content about something. And when something doesn’t go the way you expect, you can talk to God about it and ask Him to help you see your situation in a new way. That’s how you can adjust your attitude so you feel content and thankful!

“Remember, Paul said that he had found the secret of being content. He wrote . . .

*Open the Bible to Philippians 4:13 (NIV) and read.*

*“I can do all this by the power of Christ. He gives me strength.”*

“You’ll get to talk some more in Small Group about how **[Bottom Line] God can help you be content**. In fact, let’s take our offering and then we’ll head there!”

### **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.*