

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use these discussion starters to help foster a spiritual conversation with your family.

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Unit 1, Session 3

CONNECTION POINT:

True contentment comes through Christ alone.

THE BIBLE MEETS

LIFE: Life would be simpler if we didn't have to think about paying bills or taxes, right? Or at least if we had more money, we wouldn't worry or feel stressed. That seems logical, but such contentment does not come from our bank balance; it begins in our hearts. The apostle Paul knew this from experience, and he gave us the "secret" to being content regardless of our finances.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to take his or her faith and Live It Out.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: John 9:1-34

Live It Out: Review today's Bible story with your child. Remind your child that Jesus helped the blind man by giving him the ability to see. Explain that Jesus showed God's power by helping people. Pray, thanking Jesus for helping people.

Jesus saw a man who had been born blind. The blind man begged for money as people walked by him.

Jesus wanted people to see God's love. He made mud and put it on the man's eyes. Jesus told the man to go and wash his eyes in a pool called the pool of Siloam.

The man obeyed Jesus. He went to the pool and washed the mud off his eyes. Then he could see! Jesus had healed the man.

People were surprised that the man could see. They asked, "Are you the man who used to sit in the street and beg? What happened?"

The people saw that Jesus did things that no one else could do.

KIDS

Scripture: John 9:1-34

Live It Out: Help your child look through the Bible and find miracles that Jesus performed. Make a list of each miracle and where it is in the Bible. Talk with your child about how Jesus met a need for each person or group involved in the miracle.

When Jesus and His disciples encountered a man born blind, they questioned Him about who was being punished, the man or his parents. Jesus told them it was to show God's power.

Jesus made mud and put it on the man's eyes. Then He directed him to wash in the pool of Siloam. The man could see!

People were confused about what happened. But the man Jesus healed assured them that he was the one born blind and Jesus healed him.

The temple leaders asked the man how he was healed, but they did not believe him. The man told them the only way He could do this was if He had come from God.

The men from the temple were angry and made the man leave.

STUDENTS

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20

- What keeps us from experiencing contentment?
- How do you demonstrate trust that God will meet your needs?
- What truths about God encourage you to be generous?

Live It Out: Many people see the church as the place they go to have their needs met—spiritual, emotional, relational, physical, and otherwise. However, it's much better to see the church as a family, bound together in love, and among whom we're blessed to use our spiritual gifts in serving others. Contentment comes not in the receiving, but in using what God gives for His purposes, particularly among our brothers and sisters in the church.

With real faith, we will be content with all that we have—no matter how much or little that may be. As a family, consider how you show the world that you are content in your faith and trust in God to provide for all of your needs. If it is not easily seen, how can you make changes to demonstrate your trust and dependence on God?