

SUMMER 2025

Unit 3, Session 4

CONNECTION POINT:

Be content in the power and provision of God.

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.

LIVE IT OUT: Your student has been encouraged to take practical steps to live out his or her faith.

PRESCHOOL

Scripture: John 13:1-20

Live It Out: Choose to help a friend in your neighborhood. With your child, plan a way to help. Tell your child that Jesus taught people to help others as you help your neighbor.

After Jesus and His disciples ate a meal together, Jesus stood and wrapped a towel around His waist. He held a basin and poured water in it. Jesus began to wash the disciples' feet. He dried their feet with the towel wrapped around His waist.

When Jesus came to Peter, he asked Jesus if He would wash his feet. Jesus replied, "Yes, Peter. I am going to wash your feet."

"No," said Peter. "You should not be washing my feet."

Jesus explained that He must wash Peter's feet to really be Jesus' disciple.

When Jesus finished, He asked His disciples, "Do you understand what I have done for you? I am your Teacher, and I have been kind to you by washing your feet. Now, I want you to follow My example and do kind things for people, also."

KIDS

Scripture: John 13:1-20

Live It Out: Help your child follow Jesus' example of service by planning a service project for your community. Many organizations need people to help with their projects.

Jesus gathered His disciples to celebrate Passover. Jesus got up from the supper. He tied a towel around His waist, poured water into a bowl, and began to wash His disciples' feet. When Jesus came to Peter, Peter asked, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?"

Jesus answered, "You don't understand what I am doing, but you will understand later."

But Peter insisted, "No! You will never wash my feet!"

Jesus replied, "Unless you allow Me to wash you, you can have no part with Me."

Jesus washed all their feet. He asked, "Do you understand what I have done for you?"

Jesus explained: "If I, your Lord and Teacher, have served you, you should also serve one another. Follow my example and serve others. Do the things you have learned from me and you will be blessed."

STUDENTS

Scripture: Philippians 4:10-20

- How are you intentionally working to learn contentment, gratitude, and joy?
- What is the difference between learning through instruction versus learning through experience?
- Why is it important for us to pursue Christlikeness with patience and dedication?

Live It Out: God has invited us to come boldly before Him with our prayers and cast our cares on Him, knowing that He cares for us. Prayer is, among other things, an expression of our dependence on God. We can trust that God hears our prayers, that He answers, and that He will provide for our needs. We are then to be content with what God provides.

It can be tempting to compare ourselves with others, which can lead to discontentment. Instead of comparing by focusing on what you might not have, focus on the good things God has given to you. Together as a family, ask God to help you grow in contentment. Then, write a brief prayer thanking God for His blessings in your family.