

FRIENDS

Lesson 4



Don't Worry, Be Happy!

Kylie loved her best friend Jasmine. She loved everything about Jasmine. Jasmine was fun and pretty. And she had a swimming pool in her backyard!

One day as they were swinging at the playground, Kylie said, "I wish I didn't have to wear glasses."

Jasmine said, "And I wish I had straight hair like yours."

Kylie said, "Really? I wish I had pretty clothes like yours. All of mine get handed down from my sister."

Jasmine smiled, "I wish I had a sister!"

Kylie smiled and thought about what Jasmine said.

"I guess I am glad to have a big sister," Kylie said. "She can be pretty fun most of the time."

Jasmine said, "And I guess I do look better with my curly hair."

"And I guess I should be thankful that I have glasses so I can see!" Kylie laughed.

"I guess I'm just glad I'm me and you're you, and we can be best friends," Jasmine added.

"Me, too," said Kylie as she gave Jasmine a big best-friend smile.

Talk-a-Bit

- What are some things God has given you?
- What are ways you can learn to be happy with what you have?

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What I learned in God's Word this week:
Learn to be happy with what you have.

King Ahab Wants a Vineyard

Bible story from Exodus 20:13, 15, 17; 1 Kings 21:1-19

King Ahab had everything he needed. But he was selfish. King Ahab wanted more.

King Ahab saw a nice vineyard (VIN-yerd). The vineyard belonged to Naboth (NAY-both). Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard for his own grape garden.

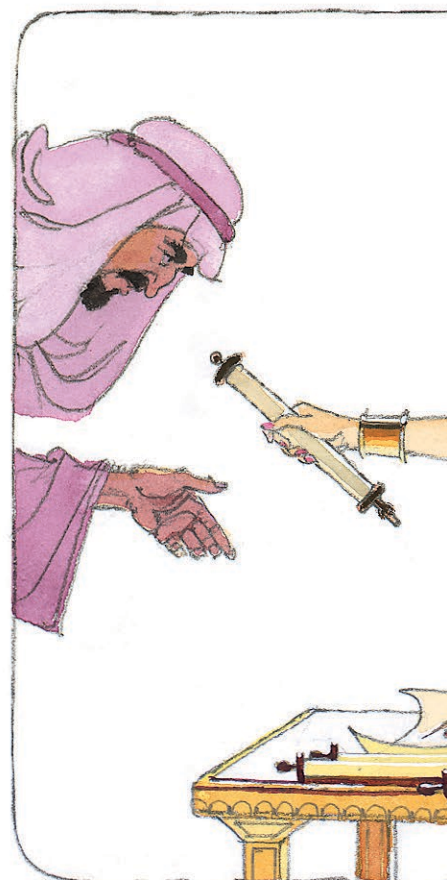
"Your vineyard is near my home," King Ahab said to Naboth. "I would

like to have it. I will buy it from you. Or I will give you another one."

But Naboth said, "No, thanks. I can't let you have it. God would not be pleased. It belongs to my family."

The king was angry. He went home and would not eat. He just lay on his bed.

Jezebel (JEZ-uh-bell) was Ahab's wife. She came in and asked, "Why



This Week's Bible Memory Verse:

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have. Hebrews 13:5

are you angry? Why won't you eat?"

"Naboth wouldn't sell me his vineyard," Ahab told Jezebel.

Jezebel sent a letter to some men: "I want you to tell some lies about Naboth so he will be killed." The men did what Jezebel said.

Then Jezebel told Ahab, "Naboth is dead. Now the vineyard is yours."

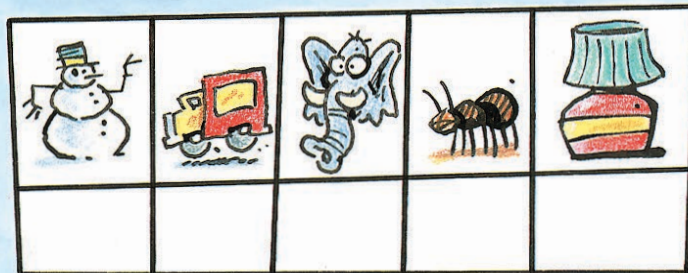
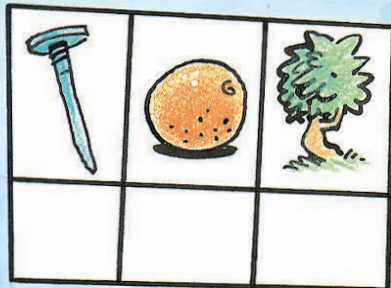
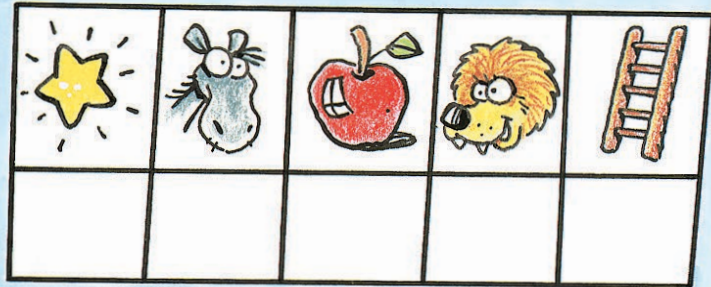
Ahab was happy now. He went and took Naboth's vineyard.

God sent His prophet Elijah to Ahab. Elijah told Ahab, "God's commandments say, Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not long for anything that belongs to your neighbor. You did not obey. God will punish you."



"God's Rule"

Write the first letter of each picture below it.



Answer: You shall not steal.

Family Faith Fun

Lesson Focus:

Learn to be happy with what you have.

Appreciation Ads

■ Help your child practice appreciation for the things he or she already has by working together to set up a "store display" using your child's belongings. Your child can write "ads" describing how great these belongings are.

Memory Verse Activity

■ Have your child practice this week's memory verse by saying it in rhythm. The underlined syllables are the downbeats.

Keep your lives free from the
love of mo-ney and
be con-tent with
what you have.

Hebrews 13:5