

LESSON 1 • Wants vs. Needs

WANTS VS. NEEDS

1 Key Concepts

- Wants vs. Needs
- Teach the children the difference between what we need each day and the things we really don't need.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Make copies of the Wants vs. Needs sheet.
- Have the children get their crayons and scissors for this sheet.

3 Lesson

- Discuss with the children what they did to get ready for school this morning.
 - What are some of the things that you used?
 - Make a list on the board of some of these things.
 - Which of these things did you absolutely **need** to have to get to school in the morning?
- Talk to the children about the things they really **needed** and the things they really didn't **need**.
 - We always have what we **need**.
 - God gives us everything we **need**.
 - God wants us to be happy and content with the things that He has given us.
- There are things that we **want** that we don't have.
 - We **need** to be content even if we don't have the things that we **want**.
 - God will provide all of our **needs**.

4 Conclusion

God always gives us the things that we need. He wants us to be content with those things.

Hebrews 13:5 says, "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

5 Echo Prayer

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all of the things you have given us. Please help us to be happy with all of the things that we have.

Amen



I Timothy 6:8

But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that.



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6 Resources

- **Bible**
- **The Fourth Petition**
- **Numeroff, Laura Joffe. If You Give a Moose a Muffin**
This story is about a moose who gets a muffin, but then wants more and more
- **Wilson, Karma. Bear Wants More**
This is a story about a bear that is no happy with what he has and still wants more
- **Scholastic Children's Dictionary**
- **<http://gardenofpraise.com/bib152s.htm>**
This site has online activities for children on the Parable of the Talents.
- **<http://www.primarygames.com/Spending%20Spree/start.htm>**
Play the Spending Spree game.

7 Vocabulary

Wanting: to feel that you would like to have, do, or get something; to wish for; to desire.

Needs: things that you have to have to live each day

Content: to be happy

8 Worksheet

Have the children color the pictures on the sheet and then cut them out. The children should glue the pictures they think are things that they need, in the needs column. The children should glue the pictures of the things they want in the wants column.

