

LESSON 1 • Wants vs. Needs

WANTS VS. NEEDS

1 Key Concepts

- Wants vs. Needs
- Teach the children the difference between the things that we really need and the things that we want.
- Teach the children the idea of being truly happy with what you have.
- Teach the children what it means to be a good steward.

2 Teacher Preparation

- Have magazines that the children can cut pictures out of.
- Have copies of the needs and wants sheet ready for them.
- The children will need their scissors and glue.

3 Lesson

- Talk with the children about the things around them.
 - Are all of these things, things that they need?
- What about things that they have at home or in their rooms at home.
 - Are all of those things, things that they need?
- What are some of the things that we truly need each day?
 - Write them on the board.
- What are some of the things that we really want to have?
 - Write those on the board.
- Now make a list of some of the things that we have that we really don't need.
 - **Hebrews 13:5 says,** "Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have."
- What does it mean for us to be content with what we have?
- Why does God want us to be content with the things that we have?
- Does God want us to be wasteful?
- God wants us to be good stewards of what we have.
 - Being a good steward means to take care of what we have and use what we have.
 - If we don't use what we have, we should find someone that can use it. Then things do not go to waste.
- How can we try to be content with the things that we have?
- If we use the things that we have, we will also be content with what we have.
 - God wants us to wisely use the things that He has given us.

4 Conclusion

God has given us many things. Some of the things we need and some of the things we have because we wanted them. God wants to use and take care of all of the things that He has given us. God wants us to be good stewards of what we have. We should not waste things, but use them wisely.

5 Echo Prayer

Dear God, Thank you for all of the things you have given us. Please help us to be good stewards of what you have given us. Help us to use the things that we have wisely. 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:** Exodus 16 and 17. The people complained and God still gave them what they needed
- **Catechism**
- **Scholastic Children's Dictionary**
- **Numeroff, Laura. [If You Give A Pig A Pancake](#)**
This story is about a pig that is always wanting more.
- **<http://gardenofpraise.com/bib152s.htm>**
This site has online activities based on the Parable of the Talents.

7 Vocabulary

Needs: something you have to have

Wants: to desire

Content: happy

