

**LESSON 5**  
**“CONTENTMENT”**  
(page 1)



**BIBLE CONNECTION**

1 Samuel 13:1-14  
(KBC Study Bible, pages 298-299)

**CHARACTER WORD**

Contentment – Being happy  
with what I have

**TEACHING OBJECTIVE**

I can learn to be content  
with all I have.

**MEMORY LINK**

1 Timothy 6:6

“Now godliness with contentment  
is great gain.”

(KBC Study Bible, page 1315)

**SUPPLIES NEEDED  
THIS WEEK**

**GET CONNECTED**

Memory Link cards, Hang  
10 pages, index cards, pens,  
highlighters

**MEMORY LINK ACTIVITY**

Option 1: Cardstock  
Option 2: None

**BIBLE CONNECTION**

Game controller

**SURF TEAM LEADER**

Memory Link cards, Hang  
10 pages, index cards, pens,  
highlighters

**MAKE-IT-STICK  
REVIEW GAME**

Option 1: Corn hole or ring toss  
Option 2: None

# Saul Doesn't Wait

## WHAT'S THE POINT?

In this world that we live in today – instant everything – it is important to realize what the Bible teaches us about contentment. “But godliness with contentment is great gain” from 1 Timothy 6:6 tell us that our reward will be great when we are content. “For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10) promises the people of today that life may be hard at times, but we can be strong with God by our side.

We as adults learned to practice contentment in our daily lives during Covid times. That vacation to the beach, eating at favorite restaurants, shopping the malls were not so important anymore. We learned to be content in our daily lives. Did you work in your yard more?, play games with your family more?, call family/friends more often?, read your Bible more?, catch up on favorite movies/TV series you always wished you had? While those times are over, how have you continued to practice contentment today?

While there are many examples of strong men and women in Biblical times that practiced contentment even in the harshest of circumstances, our story today will focus on a king named Saul. As you prepare for today's lesson, pray God's guidance for giving students the desire to be content in today's world.

## GET CONNECTED

Building relationships in surf teams; introducing today's lesson



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

Use the following conversation prompts to get to know the students in your surf team and to introduce today's lesson.

- Today's character word is contentment. What does that word mean to you?
- Tell about a time when you wanted something so bad, you couldn't wait another minute for it. How did you feel – angry, mad? Did your attitude change when you got what you wanted?
- What happens when you have to wait for something that you want?



Guide students to locate and mark today's Bible Connection and Memory Link in their Bibles, if they brought one, so they can find the pages quickly as directed in the session.



## WORSHIP TIME

When you transition to worship time, consider making a transitional statement to help the kids gain the proper perspective. Communicate the importance of worship and encourage the kids to focus on God.

Consider “One Thing Remains” by Passion and “Every Move I Make” by Shout Praises Kids.

# MEMORY LINK

2 Minutes – Teaching the Bible verse to students  
8 Minutes – Activity to help them memorize the verse



# LESSON 5 “CONTENTMENT” (page 2)

Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

## Focus on the Bible

Ask students who remembered to bring their Bibles to hold them up high in the air while you count. Let them know you will keep a running total and try to increase the number of Bibles brought every week. (Take a count, More girls? More boys?)

*How many parts are there in our Bibles? (Old Testament, New Testament)  
Help me to remember what the Old Testament tells us. (The coming of Christ)  
Now, what does the New Testament tell us? (Jesus’ life on earth and how His life impacted others, even us today!) Our verse today comes from the New Testament, 1 Timothy 6:6, page 1315 in your KBC Bible.*

## Focus on Today's Memory Link

Guide students to find 1 Timothy 6:6 on page 1315 in their KBC Study Bibles. *I heard you talking about our character word, contentment, in your surf teams.* (Have a volunteer read the definition of contentment from the KBC Bible.) *When is a time when you were content? Have you ever been discontent? Why?* (Share a time when you were content or discontent.)

*Our verse today tells us this – “Now godliness with contentment is great gain.” This one is easy to remember – first because it is a short verse and second because it tells me that with God on my side, I will gain contentment!*

## Option 1 – C or D?

Cardstock

Write Contentment on a piece of cardstock and Discontentment on another piece. Divide group into teams. Give examples of ways to be content/discontent. Students answer with C or D. If answer is correct, state the verse. Team with most correct answers wins.

## Option 2 – SHOW ME!

No supplies needed

Call on student(s) to act out an activity that shows contentment (reading, playing a game, talking with friends) or discontent (being impatient or angry, getting in the front of the line, etc.) Student who guesses correctly, says the verse and scores a point.

**1 Timothy 6:6**

*“Now godliness with contentment is great gain.”*

*(KBC Study Bible, pg. 1315)*

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Teaching today’s Character Word through a gospel-centered Bible story

Handheld gaming device or controller

**Set the Stage**

(Hold up a handheld gaming device or controller.) *How many of you have waited for the next season of a video to come out? How did you feel when it took sooooo long to download? How do you feel when you are in the middle of playing a video game and the internet goes out? What do you do to fill in the time while you wait?*

*I bet you were discontent – not happy with your current circumstances! Our lesson today teaches us to be content in our lives. (Have a student read the definition for contentment in the front of the KBC Bible.) God wants us to be happy with what we have – that’s contentment!*

**Tell the Story**

Our story today is in the Old Testament in the book of 1 Samuel chapter 13. Open your Bibles to page 298 in your KBC Bibles and follow along as I read our story. (Paraphrase or tell in your own words to recap the events.)

*Saul was the king of Israel. He was about 50 years old when he became king – probably about the same age as some of your grandparents! Saul did not just live in a palace with a lot of servants, telling them what to do! He was in charge of his army that fought battles with other nations or countries that were enemies of Israel. One of the groups that his army attacked were called the Philistines. This army had a lot of soldiers.*

*Saul’s men were having trouble – they were afraid. Some of them hid in caves and some even ran away from the army.*

*Saul knew that the prophet Samuel was coming to help him. Samuel was going to make a sacrifice (a special gift to God) which would help Saul’s army in fighting the Philistines. But Saul waited and waited for Samuel to come. He was not content to wait for Samuel. Seven days passed and Saul decided he would make the sacrifice himself even though that is not what God wanted him to do.*

*Just after he made the sacrifice, Samuel arrived! Samuel could not believe what Saul had done! He said, “What have you done? Could you have not been content to wait for me to do God’s will?”*

**Application**

*God wants us to be content in everything we do in our lives – sometimes that is hard – just like Saul waiting on Samuel or when your game doesn’t upload fast.*

*He even sent his own Son, Jesus to earth to show us how to live our lives and be content. He wants us to be like Jesus.*

*How can we do that? The Bible is the perfect instruction book for us to follow every day! We know the words in the Bible to be true and when we follow these instructions, we can be content!*

**Teaching Tip**

Do all you can to help students stay focused on the Bible story. You don’t have to call on everyone who wants to answer or ask a question. Keep discussions and questions to a minimum during the large group teaching time. Remind students they can ask their Surf Team Leader questions following the Bible story.

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## SURF TEAM TIME

Connecting with kids in small groups;  
applying today's Bible Connection and Character Word



Memory Link cards, Hang 10 pages, index cards, pens, highlighters

### Today's Bible Lesson

- Before you begin, ask if there are any students who would like to talk with the Bible Connection Leader about praying to ask Jesus to become their Forever Friend. If so, let them go to the designated area.
- What questions do you have about today's story?
- Where can you read your Bible? (places around your home, school, etc.)
- If you had been Saul, would you have waited for Samuel? Why? Why not?
- How do you show contentment?

### Use the Bible

Give each student a Memory Link Card. Review today's Memory Link and Character Word. Guide them to use cards to mark today's story in their KBC Study Bibles, if they brought one, and highlight today's Memory Link verse.

### Hang 10 Pages

Give each student a Hang 10 Page. Challenge them to hang out with God 10 minutes each day by praying and reading the Bible, using the Hang 10 page as a guide. Encourage them to do the Weekly Challenge and bring back their Hang 10 pages next week for a time of discussion.

*The Weekly Challenge for this week is to be content with what you have! Take an inventory of things you have in your room or home and write down all you have to be thankful for. Be sure to bring your completed Hang 10 back to Beach Club® next week.*

### Pray

Encourage students to write prayer requests on index cards. Take the cards home and remember to pray for the students in your surf team this week.

*Lord, thank You that Your Word shows us how to be content. Help us understand Your word and all the truths that are found in it – like a great treasure. In Jesus' name, amen.*

#### Connection Tip

We encourage you to continue building deeper relationships with the Beach Clubbers. If you haven't already, consider becoming more involved in your school campus. Be visible on campus and get to know the school faculty. Investing your time shows them you care about them, too!

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1 Timothy 6:6

