

Aim: To considering the difference that money makes to a persons life.

Moses went from being the son of a slave family, to the son of the princess. **How do you think his life would have changed?**

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to be from a very rich family?

Have you ever wished you had more money?

Do you think you would be happier if you had more money?

You might think money would make you happy but it actually doesn't; have you ever seen movies or read books about rich kids who are lonely because their parents are too busy to spend time with them? In fact, knowing that your family love and care for you and having a purpose and something interesting to do with your life have a lot more to do with how happy you are.

It's normal, as you get into your teenage years, to want to wear the same types of clothes as your friends; to want to do the same activities; perhaps you want the same gadgets that they have etc. But sometimes parents can't afford to give their children everything they want.

Some people go through life always wanting more. They think "If only I had a new car, or a bigger house, or more money – then I would be happy." But somehow, after they get the new car, they find something else that they need before they can be happy.

If you can learn to be happy, even when you don't have all the things you want, you will have learned a very valuable lesson, and you will have a much happier life; you will be able to enjoy the good things in your life, rather than always wishing for more.

Do you know what coveting means?

Coveting means wanting what someone else has and it's in one of the Ten Commandments. **Read Exodus 20:17**

What should you do if you find yourself coveting something?

Coveting is a sin, if you realise you are coveting then you need to pray and ask God for forgiveness. You can ask God to help you stop coveting, and it can be really helpful to start thanking God for all of the good things He has given you. When you are busy being thankful, then you won't have as much time to be longing for other things.

Read the story "The Last Stick of Gum" from Great Stories for Kids V5. "Christina learns how her own mother feels when she complains about not being allowed stuff."

Some Bible verses about happiness:

1 Timothy 6:9-10_{NLT}

But people who long to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction.¹⁰ For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. And some people, craving money, have wandered from the true faith and pierced themselves with many sorrows.

James 4:2_{NLT}

You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it.

Matthew 6:31-33_{NLT}

So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?'³² These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs.³³ Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

Philippians 4:6-7_{NLT}

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.⁷ And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.