

## Character – Lesson 24

### Content (Satisfied)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

#### **Lesson:**

**Verse:** “...being satisfied with the things which are at hand...” (Hebrews 13:5b).

*Alternate verse suggestions:*

“...I have learned, in whatever circumstances I am, to be content” (Philippians 4:11b)  
*(underlined portion for younger children);*

“...It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35c).

**Focus:** A content person is someone who is pleased and satisfied with the things they have. They are grateful and thankful for the things they have and do not demand more.

**Practical Application:** Ask the children to consider the family, home, clothes, food, and toys they have and to consider what others may not have. Impress them that even though they may think they only have a few things, these may be much more than what another child has. They should be thankful for what they have and not always try to get more. Consider telling stories of children from poorer countries.

We can also consider with the children the difference between need and want. We may have certain toys already, but when we see an advertisement or something in a toy store, we may want something that we don't really need. We have to be careful not to be greedy. Those who are content are those who give to others who need something rather than try to get more of something because they want it but don't need it.

**Song Suggestions:** 17 (What is Sharing All About?); 133 (Let's be Happy); 9123 Bible Story Songs Acts CD - Song #23 – (Blessed To Give) *(to the tune of Chopsticks)*; 197 (Why Not I? A song about thankfulness); 4617 (My Heart is Overflowing)