



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Murder for a Vineyard

Take Home Point:

Don't let greed carry you away!

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Who in today's Bible event got carried away by envy and greed? (*King Ahab.*)
What did he do? (*Pouted, cried and whined.*)

Select questions and adapt for your family.

God Time at Home

FOR STARTERS: As leader, get some dessert and eat it while you gather everyone together. When others say they want some, refuse permission. If they object, note that their face is turning green. Have them check it in the mirror! Then say: "We have a saying that someone turns 'green with envy.' Envy means you become unhappy with what you have because you want what someone else has. Who will tell about a time they felt 'green with envy?'"

READ THE BIBLE: 1 Kings 21

KEY VERSES: Philippians 4:11b & 13, "*I've learned to be content in whatever situation I am in...I can do everything through Christ who strengthens me.*"

TALK ABOUT IT: What did Ahab do when he found out he could not have the vineyard? (*1 Kings 21:4. Pouted, cried, whined.*) What did Jezebel do to get the vineyard for Ahab? (*1 Kings 21:8-14. She lied, had Naboth hurt and killed.*) Do you think Ahab really needed the vineyard? Why or Why not? (*No, he was the king and had lots of gardens and things already.*)

How do you react sometimes when you can't have something you want? (*Let children share examples.*) Do you ever pout? Let's see your best pouting face.

According to the key verses above, where does the power of contentment come from? (*Christ.*) How do we get Jesus' power in the times we feel greedy? (*Ask God. Pray.*) Ahab's greed went so far that it hurt others. What about times we wanted something so badly that we might have hurt someone physically or emotionally to get it? What can we do about those times? (*Ask God for forgiveness and the other person, too!*)

PRAYER POWER: Ask God's forgiveness for times of greediness and ask that our selfishness would not carry us away. Ask for God's help us to be content and thankful for the things he has given.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: Let each family member browse through the paper's advertisement section looking for something they wish they had. Cut out these pictures and color them with a green marker. Post them on the refrigerator to remind each person "don't let greed carry you away." When they choose to be unhappy because they don't have these objects, then they are envying.

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