

Our Daily Bread



Memory Verse | Give us today our daily bread. - Matthew 6:11

A rich man put a notice in the newspaper that said, "I will give a house to the first person who is satisfied with what he or she has." Many people came and asked for the house. When the man asked them why they wanted it, they said the house they had was too small, or that it wasn't their own, or that it wasn't paid for. They all wanted something better than they had. "You're not satisfied with what you have," the man told the people. So, he gave the house to a poor family with five children, whose father had died and the mother was raising the children by herself. She had to work very hard to make a living for her family, and she didn't even ask for the house.

Do you think most adults are satisfied with what they have? Probably not. When they have a car, they will soon want a better one. When they have a job, they wish they had one that paid more money.

Do you think most children are satisfied with what they have? Probably not. When they're home they want to go somewhere. Even when they have lots of toys, they want more, or they say they have "Nothing to do." Have you ever said that? As soon as they get a new toy, they think of another toy they want.

It isn't always wrong to want things. Jesus even told us to ask Him for more things than we do. But God doesn't want us to be unhappy if we cannot have what we want. As long as we have enough food to eat, water or milk to drink, clothing to wear, and a home to live in, we should be satisfied. If God gives us more, we can be thankful. If He doesn't give us more, we can be thankful, too. One Bible verse says, "If we have food and clothing, you will be content with these." (1 Timothy 6:8).

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Lesson Activity

Draw a circle around the pictures of things that are "daily bread."
Now, color the pictures.

