

The Search for Spiritual Disciplines



Simplicity Week 7

Kids' Booklet

**An Adventure to Find the
Simplicity Gem**



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Chapter 1 Welcome to the Adventure!

Hi, kids! I'm Laura and this week we are looking for the gem called Simplicity! We all know that this world in which we live can be very complicated at times. With everyone screaming at you about getting the latest toy, to new phones, and many more things that we might think we need. In reality we could all use a little more simplicity in our daily lives. Sometimes all the things that we prioritize in light of God, really seems like we could let go of some things, so that we can spend more quality time with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. I do want you to know that God, waits for us to come to Him and spend time with Him every day. So, everyone! Lets work to make our life a little simpler and spend time with God a little more than what we do! Ill be back next week

Activity: Simplify List

Make a list of things in your life that are complicated. Circle one you can simplify to spend more time with God.

Chapter 2 The Big Idea: The Simplicity Gem

Clyde: Hi everyone! Today we are on the hunt for the simplicity gem. Which believe me, when I say we all need more of this!

Danny: Dad! I don't get it. Simplicity? Does that mean that I cant collect Hot Wheels if I want to?

Clyde: No, Danny! It doesn't mean that. But. it does mean that we might need to simply our life so that we can make room more for God. Instead of filling our life so full that we forget about God and spending time with him.

Danny: I do spend time with God, but because it's the last thing I do, I always fall asleep.

Clyde: So, Son, Instead of the last thing you do, why not make it the first thing you do when you wake up in the morning, that way you're awake and then you can get going about your day!

Danny: I love this idea! I am going to start that tomorrow morning when I wake up! Thanks Dad! By the way, its time for us to go. So, we will see you later in our adventure!

Activity: Priority Chart

Draw a chart with God at the top. List things you do daily and move one up to make time for God.

Chapter 3 Fun Song: You're A V.I.P. To G.O.D.

Get ready for the fun song countdown! The song is V.I.P. To GOD by Robi Biagi. Sing along about being a V.I.P. to God!

Activity: Song Words

Write your own verse about why you're a V.I.P. to God. Sing it!

Chapter 4 Memory Verse with JV the Bible Junkie

Greetings everyone! I'm JV, The Bible Junkie, and I have our memory verse today. It's found in the book of Matthew chapter six and verse thirty-three. It says, But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew chapter six and verse thirty-three. N.I.V. This verse talks about what should be our first priority as a believer in Jesus! It's prioritizing God and His Kingdom above all else, including material possessions and worldly desires, with the assurance that God will provide for all needs. It calls for a life focused on spiritual matters, living righteously, and trusting in God's provision rather than worrying about daily necessities. When we place God in Number one slot, everything! I said Everything! Did you really hear me. I said EVERYTHING WILL FALL INTO PLACE! Because God always will supply what we need! There's a big difference between needs and wants. God always gives us what we need! I'm JV, The Bible Junkie, and I will be back next week!

Activity: Verse Poster

Draw a poster with the verse. Add pictures of needs vs. wants.

Chapter 5 Object Lesson: The Power of Simplicity

Hi Everyone! I'm Bill. We live in a wild and chaotic world that seems to be out for number one, no matter what it takes to get there. The more busy we are the more it takes us away from the things of God! We were not designed to run around like a chicken with our heads cut off! God's idea for us is to slow down and spend time with him. Simplify our life. Which happens to be our Spiritual discipline for today! The world teaches that more money, more things, possessions and status is where we need to be. While Jesus teaches, to simplify your life by seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well, Matthew 6:33. This last part talks about needs. Whatever we need to live God will, and does supply, but we must put Him as number One! So, friends, this is what is meant by the power of simplicity. As we slow down we will be able to spend more quality time with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. Thanks for joining me today!

Activity: Busy vs. Simple Drawing

Draw two sides: one busy and chaotic, one simple with God. Write how to simplify.

Chapter 6 Professor Whoopies Lesson

PW: Greetings everyone! I am Professor Whoopie, and I'm here to whoopie up a big one for you today! Simplicity! The "true meaning" of simplicity goes beyond just less stuff, it includes not being uncomplicated and easy to understand, whether in a system, a lifestyle, or a person's character. It involves being purity, sincere, and real. A freedom from deceit and a focus on truths over this world's thinking. Simplicity as a spiritual discipline in the Bible involves making God's kingdom and righteousness, first, which leads to freedom from the things of the world. PF: Hi everyone! I'm PF, so, lets get to it. It's a heart condition that makes a lifestyle of purpose and modest living, we don't have to be anxious or the need to impress others. This discipline is rooted in the teachings of Jesus as we seek God's kingdom first.

Activity: Simplicity Steps

List 4 steps to simplicity from the lesson. Draw one.

Chapter 7 Comic Adventure: Finding the Simplicity Gem

Narrator: Our explorers find themselves wondering what the name of this cave means, so Emma looks up the meaning of Attercop which happens to be a British name for the most venomous spiders that can kill on contact if bitten. They are huge brown and black spiders, and when they come out at night they travel with their children.

Because of the terrain and the surprise of the spinners they rerouted 6 hours out of their way to avoid these creepy crawling critters. The explorers travel to the cave and while inside realize that the name of the cave means Venomous Spiders! So they find a way to maneuver around them and retrieve the simplicity Gem.

Narrator: Well, this was a creepy crawly adventure. I know that I would have been scared out of my mind. So, we can say that simplicity is sincerity and purity of motive in all we do in our life. It's being loyal to God, which is opposite of deceit and confusion. God is the author of peace. Remember the devil is the author of confusion, and deceit.

Activity: Spider Cave Map

Draw the cave with spiders and the gem. Write how simplicity helps in scary times.

Chapter 8 Ollies Wrap Up: Simplicity Simplified

Hi everyone! I'm Ollie, and I'm going to try and simplifying this today! The ultimate goal is to please God, not human friends, employers or family. Every task is an opportunity to serve and honor Christ in everything we do. Yes, the Lord will give you an inheritance as a reward for serving Him, making your work a spiritual pursuit.

How To Practice Simplicity-Steps to simplicity

1. Seek first the kingdom of God.
2. Understand that simplicity is an inward condition that we outwardly express.
3. Develop a habit of generosity.
4. Do not buy anything until you truly need it.

Colossians 3:23 teaches that whatever you do, you should do it with all your heart, as if you were working for the Lord and not for human masters.

Hey Everybody, Ill see you next week!

Activity: Simplicity Plan

Choose one step to practice this week. Write how you'll do it.

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Final Activity: Gem Journal

Add the Simplicity Gem to your journal. Write what simplicity means to you



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