

## **A LETTER TO PARENTS**

Today, we learned about contentment. In the story, Junior and his family took a trip to the beach. Junior was so excited—that is, until the rain prevented him from spending much time in the ocean. Then, Junior found the story of Paul and Silas praising God, even in jail! Through Junior's adventure your child learned that we don't praise God for what our circumstances are or for what we have. We praise Him for who He is.

For practical application, we suggest that you and your child make homemade boats. The challenge is not to buy anything new, but to find and use items already in your house. You can use things like cereal boxes, egg cartons, straws, and toilet paper rolls. As you make your boat, use the questions below to talk about how we can be content no matter what our circumstances are or what we have.

- *When was a time when you were able to make the best out of a bad situation?*
- *What is a good way to remember that stuff, like toys or clothes, is temporary?*
- *How can reading the Bible as a family help us be content?*

Remind your child that even though content people may not have the best of everything, they work hard to make the best of everything.

Finally, check out the coins your child brought home with them today to see what they plan to do based on what they've learned. Where possible, encourage your child to take action on that plan. For more information on contentment check out *Smart Money Smart Kids*, Chapter 9, Contentment.

