

Press on in Confidence
WBS Kids Lesson #5
Philippians 2:1-4 (NLT), Hebrews 13:16 (NIRV)

HOOK: Listen to a story about a girl named Anna who didn't want to share...

"Mom, I don't feel like playing with anyone today!" Anna whispered through her teeth when the doorbell rang. "I want to work on my Lego village by myself."

"I'm sorry, Anna," Mom whispered back, "but this is a chance for us to love our neighbors. They don't know anyone in the neighborhood yet so I invited them over."

Mom opened the door and greeted the woman and her son. His name was Rory and he was the same age as Anna. While the moms drank tea in the kitchen, Rory followed Anna into the playroom.

"I love Legos!" He exclaimed when he saw Anna's project.

"I'm an expert builder," Anna bragged "and I don't want you to mess with my village." (*He probably can't build as good as I can, she thought to herself.*)

Rory frowned, but Anna didn't care. Her Legos were important to her. Then Rory asked quietly, "May I just help you make some of the buildings?"

"Sorry," Anna said. "But this is my project. You can build a village at your own house."

"I don't have any Legos at home," Rory told Anna. "My toys are being shipped to our new house, but they haven't arrived yet."

"Then what do you play with?" Anna asked.

"I only have a few books from the plane ride and some colored pencils. Our boxes won't arrive for a while," Rory said.

Anna felt bad for Rory. She wouldn't like being without her toys for very long—especially her Legos. She knew she should share, but she didn't feel like it. Then, she remembered the Bible verse she learned at church: "***Don't forget to do good. Don't forget to share with others. God is pleased with those kinds of offerings.***"

Hebrews 13:16. (NIRV)

Remembering God's Word softened Anna's heart. She did want to please God. She led Rory over to her bin of Legos. "My village could use a bakery," she told him. "Do you think you could build one?"

Rory smiled. "For sure I can!"

The two neighbors became friends that day and Anna was glad that she obeyed God and shared with her neighbor—even though she didn't feel like it at first!

BOOK: God has a lot to say about how we are to treat one another. When we open our Bible, we read some more verses in the book of Philippians that remind us to be kind: "***Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.***" **Philippians 2:3-4 NLT**

LOOK: Our story today helps us to understand these verses from Philippians. Anna was *selfish* at the beginning of her new neighbor's visit. She also tried to *impress* Rory and was not *humble* when she *bragged* that she was an "expert builder." When Rory first came to her house she was only thinking about *her own interest*. He needed a

friend, but she didn't feel like being friendly. Later, she remembered that God is pleased when we think of others and their needs.

TOOK: Today, as you play here and then as you go home, think about the people around you. What are their interests? Does someone want you to share a toy? At home, could Mom or Dad use help folding clothes or cleaning the house? There are so many ways we can look out for the interests of others every day. Let's remember to do good to others, as this blesses them and pleases the Lord.

Bible Verse: "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too." **Philippians 2:3-4 NLT**

Prayer: "Dear Lord, I confess that sometimes I just don't want to look out for the interests of others—I'm more interested in myself! Please forgive me and help me to do good to others every day...even when I don't feel like it! Amen."

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what we learned

We heard a story that helped us to understand our verses in Philippians: Anna was not happy that Mom invited over the new neighbors. She didn't feel like playing with Rory and she especially didn't want him to mess with her special project—a Lego village. Besides, she thought, he probably wouldn't be as a good builder as she was! Rory was sad that Anna didn't want to share with him, especially since his toys had not yet arrived from the move. When Anna remembered a verse she learned about sharing with others her heart was softened and she invited Rory to play. This blessed her new neighbor and pleased God. And Anna made a new friend that day!



memory verse

“Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too.” Philippians 2:3-4 NLT



parent/child activity

Provide some paper and crayons or markers and ask your child to illustrate the story she heard today. Ask her to draw Anna sharing her Legos with Rory, for example. Then, hang up your child's work of art as a reminder for the whole family to look out for the interests of others.



daily prayer

“Dear Lord, I confess that sometimes I don't want to look out for the interests of others—I'm more interested in myself! Please forgive me and help me to do good for others every day...even when I don't feel like it! Amen.”