

Use “The Scene” to introduce “Content, but Not Satisfied” the Young Teen Sunday school lesson for November 27, 2016. The lesson is found on page 81 of *Young Teen Teacher* by Standard Publishing.



Turkey, dressing, potatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, gravy, and the list goes on and on. And so do the leftovers! Thanksgiving is here!

Families and friends all over the United States, and in other countries where Americans are residing, are gathering together this week to give thanks. Some may be thankful for a new job, for a new baby, for good health, or just for the simple act of family being together, talking together, and looking each other in the eye for once (remember to put those cell phones down!).

And for many of us, our condition after the thanksgiving meal could be described as not just satisfied, but stuffed. Or perhaps, overstuffed. According to the Calorie Control Council, Americans consume on average as much as or more than 4,500 calories—including 229 grams of fat—in the typical Thanksgiving meal. There’s no doubt that many of us have more than we need—much more!

And it’s also true that all of us have more than we ever deserved—we have the opportunity to accept the grace of Jesus.

*As students arrive, give each of them a copy of the above article to read. Then discuss it in this way:*

**If you could only choose one food that you could eat for Thanksgiving, what would it be and why?**

**What are you thankful for this year?**

**What could you give away in your life and still feel content? What do you think you would have to have to feel satisfied?**

**God wants us to be content with what we have, but He doesn’t want us to become content with our spiritual lives. Today we’re going to learn three areas in which Christians should always desire to grow.**



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