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# Part of your world

Halle Bailey, from the soundtrack of *The Little Mermaid* (2023)

Suitable for under-tens

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## Introduction

The first song to be released from the latest Disney live-action adaptation, which is long-awaited and much discussed! This song featured in the original 1993 animation and is known and loved by generations of wannabe mermaids. This session uses the sentiment of the song to consider how we often long for something more, or other, and what the Bible has to say about appreciating what we have.

## The session

Play the track, perhaps showing the video, available on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cu-RcFv50Sc), sharing copies of the lyrics for the children to follow. Invite the children to sing along as you play the track.

Ask the children if they can relate to Ariel in any way – do they ever wish for something a bit more? Give children the opportunity to talk about this further, and share some examples of things they may feel like this about. Explain that the Bible has some good advice on this subject; don’t forget that one of the Ten Commandments is to not want what others have! Distribute Bibles and read Ecclesiastes 6:9 together. Do they agree with this? Why or why not?

Of course, the whole story of *The Little Mermaid* is based on the idea that she does get the happy ending she longs for. Ariel believes there is more to life than what she has experienced. For us, we live in a world that is less than perfect, waiting for the day when Jesus will return. This is the thing that can leave us feeling dissatisfied with life as it is, because God has promised that there will be more, but we will not find our satisfaction in having more stuff; we are longing for something very different that nothing else can satisfy.

As you draw the session to a close, pray for the children, thanking God for all that we have, and asking him to help us to be satisfied with what we have.

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