

### Do Not Steal



MEMORY VERSE: "And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others."  
2 Corinthians 9:8



Exodus 20:15 Don't Take What Is Not Yours

1. What is the Lord's Eighth Commandment? What is stealing? Give examples.
2. Stealing is a sin that people don't always treat like a very big deal. Can you think of examples of this. Why do you think people want to steal? Do you believe that stealing is wrong?
3. God doesn't want us to steal because it hurts us and it hurts others. How does it hurt us? How does it hurt other people?



1 Corinthians 10:13 How to Handle Temptation

4. When have you been tempted to steal something? What happened? How did you feel?
5. Review the definition of temptation. What is the promise in 1 Corinthians 10:13?
6. When you are confronted with a temptation, what should you do?



## Ephesians 4:28 Do Good, Give Generously

7. What does Paul ask his audience in Ephesus to do instead of stealing? Why do you think God calls us to live this way?

8. Why do you think sharing with others blesses us?

9. Read 2 Corinthians 9:8. Do you think God provides everything you need? Name a few things God has provided for you.

10. If God provides everything we need, how does that change the way we think or feel about stealing and/or sharing with others?

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God tells us not to steal because it hurts his children: both the person being stolen from, and the person that is stealing. God will provide everything you need, and even extra so that you can share with others! Ask God to change your mindset from one of wanting more, to one of giving and sharing. You will surely be blessed if you live this way!

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, I know that You tell us stealing is wrong, even if it doesn't feel like a big deal, or if I think no one will notice. I can see that it hurts me just as much as the person I'm stealing from. Thank you for providing me with everything I need, and help me to share more with others. In Your name I pray, Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



When we talk about sharing with others, can you think of anyone in need that you can give to this week? What steps can you take to shift your heart and mind away from taking and towards giving?



## Various References 20:15 (NLT)

Exodus 20:15: “You must not steal”

**Temptation:** anything that attracts a person to do something unwise, wrong, or opposed to God’s will.

1 Corinthians 10:13: “The temptations in your life are no different from what others experience. And God is faithful. He will not allow the temptation to be more than you can stand. When you are tempted, he will show you a way out so that you can endure.”

Ephesians 4:28: “If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need.”

2 Corinthians 9:8: “And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.”

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