

EXPLORING THE COMMANDMENTS: PART THREE

Bible Text: Luke 16:19-31; 1 Kings 3:16-28

Lesson Focus: God calls us to be honest and fair and to protect truth and property—always!

Big Question: Always be fair, honest, and truthful—am I supposed to be perfect?

Key Words: HONESTY, SHARE, PROTECT, INTEGRITY, TRUTH

BIBLE CONNECTION

-] Stealing is not just taking something when no one is looking.
-] Merely attempting to get something that doesn't belong to you is stealing.
-] We steal from people when we don't allow them to get what they fairly deserve.
-] Cheating on tests, sharing copyrighted music downloads, and making unfair trades are considered stealing.
-] God calls us to make sure that everyone has enough.
-] It's good to share what you have with others.
-] Words are powerful and can be used to deceive others, affirm and build others up, and tear others down.
-] It's tempting to tell "little white lies" or half-truths to make ourselves look good.
-] You have the power to do great or terrible things, depending on what you say.
-] God wants us to speak the truth at all times.
-] God says stay away from gossip and rumors.

CARTOON CONNECTION

-] What does it mean to bear false witness? What does God want us to do?
-] What does it mean to twist our words, just a little bit?
-] Why is it important to be fair and honest in all things?



STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 223: How to Cope with Loss and Grief

-] Have you ever had something important stolen from you?
-] How did you cope with this?
-] What advice might you change when the coping is not about death?

Here We Stand Student Book page 222: How to Console Someone

-] What piece of advice is the easiest to follow when someone has had something important stolen from them? Which is most difficult? Why?

Here We Stand Student Book page 216: How to Avoid Gossip

-] Is it hardest to break with the gossip, to think of a more charitable explanation for someone's actions, or to speak out loud to the gossipers about what you see going on?
 -] Is it possible to change the course of gossipy conversation?

LIFE CONNECTION

Read Luke 22:54-62, the story of Peter denying Jesus. Make a note of when you are tempted to not tell the truth, including exaggerating the details of a story to make you look better, lying to someone, or gossiping about someone you don't like. Try your best to catch yourself before using these words. Remember—there is forgiveness for you, just as there was for Peter!

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Word Search

Once you determine the missing words, find them in the puzzle.

Q L C L A P U N X C S P Y W I D K X
B Y Y G J L R D Q Z W B H T C U K V
M J N R R A L O E D G N U G V W S Q
K Z A T M M F I P D H A B I L Q H Z
R N Z Z L O M X J E P K W U A L O S
B A M O D P N B A S R J F P Z T D J
G V Y M R I O E K Q O T D T A E D F
I G V O L R F E Y J T A Y O R E Y U
Q Q V T R B T M W M E B V M U A P E
M E I O J J O O T P C S H C S L O W
B M W Q R N R B W A T P T Z Q Z G J
M O T Y S R I Z A Z E O L E V B P F
K T H E O T X V S U B H B E A H O M
I E L M N K M G J M B I C P Q L S V
Z R O X E J E A Y P G O P Z T K L K
W T C U Q R Q B Z A C A N Y J Q L O
F R V R V F N H A X Z Q H V F C Z Z
P G N W Z A G K I U X Y B S O O I C

1. You shall not _____.
2. Don't _____ when taking a test.
3. We should help people _____ and _____ their property.
4. Don't forget to pay someone back when you _____ money.
5. We shouldn't take our neighbor's _____ or _____.
6. "Don't say to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again, _____ I will give it'" (Proverbs 3:28).
7. The main character in Luke 16:19-31 is _____.