

# LESSON 8

## DO NOT STEAL



### BEFORE YOU TEACH

#### Stealing

There were strict guidelines recorded in the Old Testament laws concerning stealing. Repayment of the stolen property was insufficient; instead, one had to repay double or even four times the original value. This type of repayment had a number of effects. It acted as a deterrent to future thefts, helped ease the pain and suffering caused, and helped the victim become more forgiving of the crime. It is important to note that the punishment for stealing was much more severe when it came to stealing from God, as seen in the example of Achan.

In addition to stealing in general, some scholars believe that the eighth commandment in the Old Testament context may have referred to kidnapping, or the stealing of human life. Slavery was common everywhere and the poor were often oppressed, sometimes to the point of death. In any case, God regarded this sin as serious enough to be included in the Ten Commandments.

#### Achan

Achan is a figure mentioned in the Book of Joshua in connection with the fall of Jericho and conquest of Ai. His name means "one who troubles." According to chapter 7, Achan stole gold, silver, and a costly garment from Jericho that were "consecrated to the Lord" (Josh 6:19). The Book of Joshua tells us that this act resulted in the Israelites being collectively punished by God: they failed in their first attempt to capture Ai, with thirty-six Israelite lives lost. The Israelites cast lots to find out who was responsible. Achan was identified. As a result, they stoned him to death along with his sheep, livestock, and, according to many interpretations, his wife and children. Their remains were burnt by the Israelites and buried under a pile of stones.

### BIBLE TEXT

Joshua 6-8  
Exodus 20:15

### BIBLE TRUTH

God punishes those who break His commandment and steal.

### LESSON OBJECTIVES

1. To understand that stealing is wrong and is a sin in God's eyes.
2. To know that God sees and knows everything that we do in secret.

### MEMORY VERSE

"Let him who stole steal no longer."

(Ephesians 4:28a)

### PRAYER

In the name of the Lord Jesus, we pray. Lord Jesus, You are an almighty God. You see and know everything. Yet sometimes we do things in secret, thinking that no one will know. That is our weakness. We need to remember that You are always with us. During times when we feel weak, we should pray to You and ask for help and guidance. Please help us to keep Your commandments. We praise Your holy name. Hallelujah! Amen.

## UNDERSTANDING YOUR STUDENTS

Stealing is often thought of as taking something from someone without that person's knowledge or permission. However, it can involve more than that. Finding something and not returning it or refusing to give something back are also forms of stealing. People might think, for example, that taking materials or extra stationery from work is not a big deal since it doesn't hurt anyone. They often forget that it is a direct sin against God.

It is important to let your students understand why people steal. Some think that it is fun, and they get a thrill out of not getting caught. Some are jealous of what others have. Then there are those who do not have enough money to buy what they need, so they resort to stealing.

None of these reasons justify their actions. Furthermore, stealing usually leads to more trouble. To help the students have a better understanding of this issue, share with them some signs to be aware of: complaining about what they have instead of being thankful; feeling sad or angry because they do not have something someone else does; being willing to do anything to get something they don't own. Remind your students that no matter how clever they think they are, God sees everything. No one can escape His judgment in the end. Also remind them that God will always provide. Encourage them to pray earnestly and ask for what they truly need.

### VOCABULARY

- steal:** to take something from someone wrongly  
**dismay:** deep disappointment or discouragement  
**accursed thing:** something marked for utter destruction

### REVIEW

Last week, we learned about the seventh commandment given by God. Does anyone remember what it was? [Pause for students to answer.] Yes, the seventh commandment is "Do not commit adultery," and it means that we should be faithful to our spouse and love him or her all our lives. Does anyone remember what were the biggest mistakes King David made in his life? (He committed adultery and murder.) What consequences did David have to suffer because of his wrongdoings? (His first son born from Bathsheba died. He never had peace after that.) What was the biggest lesson you learned from last week's story of David? (Answers may vary.)

## BIBLE STORY

### Introduction

Today, we are going to learn about the eighth commandment, which is "You shall not steal." Before we go on, I would like you to pay attention to what I wrote on the board. Are you ready? Here it is—

- A new toy, CD, or video game
- A new pair of rollerblades
- A new pair of pajamas
- A new purse
- A racetrack set
- A 12-speed bike
- A monster truck
- A ping-pong table
- A big trampoline
- A superhero costume

Wow, what a long wish list! How many things do you want? [Listen to students' answers.]

If you were given a piece of paper to write down all the things you want, maybe your list would be even longer than mine. So let's imagine that all your wishes were granted, and you got everything you wanted. Do you think you would appreciate those things? Do you think you would be happy? I wonder how long this kind of happiness would last. [Pause to hear students' thoughts.] Boys and girls, when our heart becomes greedy and is filled with many things we want but can't get at the moment, what do you think will happen? Well, you might think stealing could be an easier and faster way to get what you want. You might think, "Since no one is watching, why don't I quickly put that cute eraser set in my pocket and walk out of the store like nothing happened? Hey, it'll be mine within seconds and without too much effort!" Boys and girls, do you think that's the right thing to do when you really want something? Of course not! In our story today, we are going to learn about what happened to a man who stole from God.

### Achan Sins

Achan was an Israelite. He was a soldier in the army during the time of Joshua. Before entering the land of Canaan, the army had to fight many battles. But because God was with them, they always won and took over every city they fought. After they conquered the city of Jericho, they were supposed to destroy almost everything because the people in Jericho sinned and worshipped idols. God did not want the Israelites to keep these things. They were instructed to take the silver and gold and bronze and iron vessels and bring them to God's temple because they were treasures that belonged to Him.

However, when Achan saw that some of the things that were about to be destroyed were very beautiful and expensive, he suddenly forgot what he was supposed to do. Achan's heart was tempted by his own greed. He decided to take gold, silver, and a beautiful piece of clothing and hide them in the ground inside his tent. He did all of this in secret, thinking that he could get away with it because no one else was watching.

Even though no one saw Achan steal those things, God saw everything and was very angry. To show the people that stealing was a serious sin, God let the Israelite army meet with a lot of danger. In the next battle at the smaller town of Ai, thirty-six men died because God was no longer with them. The Israelites became frightened. Joshua was in great distress upon seeing this happen. He tore his clothes and, with the elders, fell before the ark of the Lord, all of them throwing dust on their heads. Joshua knew that something was wrong, so he came before God to ask why this happened. Let's open our Bibles to Joshua 7:7-15. [Take a minute to read these verses together with the students so that they can hear the conversation between Joshua and God.]

### God's Punishment

Joshua went to God to find out what was wrong. "Alas, Lord God," he prayed, "why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Now when the nations of Canaan hear about Ai, they will wipe Israel off the earth." Joshua didn't understand why they had lost the battle so terribly. He thought that God was with them and that they would always have the victory.

"Get up!" God told Joshua. "Why do you lie thus on your face? Israel has sinned." Then God told Joshua that someone in the camp had not followed all of God's commands when they fought Jericho.

God told Joshua to get up and bring the people together the next morning, saying to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: There is an accursed thing in your midst, O Israel; you cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the accursed thing from among you. The person who stole it will have to be burned with fire, along with everything he has, because he has done a disgraceful thing."

God told Joshua how to find the man who had taken the accursed thing. He was to have all the tribes gather, at which time God would reveal the tribe of the sinner. After that, God would narrow it down until they knew the family, then the household. Joshua followed God's directions and a man named Achan from the tribe of Judah was picked out. "My son," Joshua told Achan, "I beg you, give glory to the Lord God of Israel, and confess to Him, and tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me."

Achan felt so sorry for what he had done, and confessed that he had indeed sinned before God. He had taken some silver coins, a large wedge of pure gold, and a beautiful Babylonian garment from Jericho. They were all buried under his tent. Joshua sent messengers to look for these things and came back with everything Achan said he had stolen.

Then Joshua brought Achan, his family, and all his possessions to the Valley of Achor and said, "Why have you troubled us? The Lord will trouble you this day." So all Israel stoned Achan and his family with stones and burned everything he had with fire. A great heap of stones was raised over the place to remind people of the consequences of not obeying God.

After the incident involving Achan, everyone felt discouraged. Then God said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid, nor be dismayed; take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ai. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ai, his people, his city, and his land." So Joshua did as God commanded and there was a great victory over their enemies that day.

### Final Thoughts

Boys and girls, God is indeed watching us at all times. Whenever we are tempted to take something from someone because we think that no one will ever find out about it, let us not forget that God is always watching from above. Our wrongdoings have nowhere to hide. Let's not forget that God also punishes those who break His commandments. Like David, Achan tried to hide his sin, but God saw what he had done, even though he tried to do it in secret. Like David, Achan was punished by God, and he finished his life in a tragic way. We should never take God's commandments lightly, thinking that stealing is no big deal. As the memory verse reminds us, "Let him who stole steal no longer" (Eph 4:28a). If you have ever taken money from your parents without telling them, or taken other people's things without returning them, repent before God and determine to keep God's commandments in your everyday life, starting from today.

### CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

1. **Why did Joshua lose the battle of Ai?** Someone among the Israelites had sinned against God.
2. **Who was the person that sinned?** Achan.
3. **How did Achan sin?** He took some gold, silver, and a beautiful garment from Jericho and hid them in his tent.
4. **Which commandment did Achan break?** The eighth commandment, which is "You shall not steal."
5. **Do you think Achan stole from God on purpose?** Answers may vary.
6. **What would you do differently if you were Achan and you saw all those beautiful things in Jericho?** Answers may vary.
7. **What were the sad consequences Achan had to face because of his sins?** He lost his life, and his family died, too. All his possessions and the things he had stolen were burned to ashes.
8. **How would you help someone break his habit of stealing?** Answers may vary.

### MEMORY VERSE PRACTICE

Please reinforce the memory verse every week.  
You can practice the memory verse with your students anytime during class.

**"Let him who stole steal no longer." (Ephesians 4:28a)**

### SPIRITUAL TEACHING & LIFE APPLICATION

#### Everything belongs to God.

In today's lesson, we learned that stealing is wrong and that it is a sin against God's commandments. Let me first ask you a question. What does it mean to steal? [Let students think, and then share their answers.] To steal means to take someone else's possession without permission. If a man took something for himself that didn't belong to him without asking for the owner's approval, then he would have sinned against God by breaking the eighth commandment. In the Bible, there are quite a few examples where stealing greatly displeased God. For example, we learned about the story of Achan today. God was very angry about what he did. What consequences did he have to face at the end for stealing? [Let students answer.] Achan, together with his family, were stoned to death and all his possessions burned. As we can see, stealing is a serious sin in the eyes of God. Achan certainly knew that. But why is it that he was still tempted to steal? Where did the temptation come from? [Let students think, and then share their answers.] Achan was tempted by his own greed. He wasn't satisfied with what he already had: his family, animals, and possessions. When he saw the expensive treasures in Jericho, he knew that they didn't belong to him but he wanted them so badly that he decided to steal them. He went against not only the commandment not to steal, but also the commandment of God not to take any treasures from Jericho.

Have you ever really wanted something that you cannot

afford? [Let students answer.] It is very natural for us to have desires. However, we must be careful not to let our desires make us sin. When we want something badly, Satan may use it as a chance to tempt us to steal. Unfortunately, Achan fell into Satan's evil. His desires turned to greed. He could not have cared less about the consequences of stealing as he was hiding the treasures in his tent. But later on, not only did he deeply regret his actions, but he also had to bear the consequences of disobeying the commandment of God.

Today, we must never follow the example of Achan. God has blessed every single one of us with many different things. Instead of focusing on what we don't have, we should be thankful for what we do have. There are many people in this world who don't have the things that we have. They live in extremely poor conditions. To them, having a bed, some warm clothes, or even just a pencil is a dream. But if they spend their whole lives thinking about how lacking they are, they will never be happy. The Bible says, "The earth is the LORD's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein" (Ps 24:1). We all belong to God, and so does everything in this world. What we have, or what other people have, all belong to God. He promised to provide for us. While we may not have everything we want, God knows exactly how much we need, and we will never lack anything. As He provided for the birds in the sky, God will also provide us with enough

to live a happy life. The key is always to be thankful for what we have. If Achan had also thought about that, he probably wouldn't have risked sinning against God for the few treasures that he wanted. If he knew that he and his family were going to be punished by God, he would have been more thankful for them, above any silver or gold he saw in Jericho. Today, we don't have to wait until we are punished by God to know that stealing is wrong. All things belong to God, and He can give or take away anything from us. If we obey His commandments, He promises to bless us abundantly. On the contrary, if we purposely disobey God like Achan did, God can take away what we already have. Let me share a story with you:

When Sherry was a young teenager, she had a bad habit of stealing. It all started when she used to take her little sister's toys, which she didn't have, and hide them in her own room. The older she got, the worse her habit became. Whenever no one was around and she saw something she liked that she thought was not a "big deal," she would take it and put it in her pocket or purse. For example, she stole a pencil from her classmate, some candies from a convenient store, and some coins from her relatives' house. In her mind, they weren't a "big deal" because they were very cheap. She thought that when her classmate found that her pencil was missing, her "rich mom" would get her a new one. Likewise, the candy store owner had so much candy and her relatives had so many coins that they wouldn't even realize that something was missing. Sherry thought that stealing was okay as long as she didn't take something very expensive or take from the poor.

One time, Sherry took a watch from her classmate Amber. Amber had mentioned to Sherry that she didn't really like the style of that watch, which is why she kept it in her desk in the classroom all the time instead of wearing it. Sherry really liked the watch and thought that since Amber wasn't wearing the watch, she could take it! Later in the day, her best friend Annie said to her, "I was looking for you today during break time. I saw you by yourself in the classroom secretly. Did you

take Amber's watch?!" Sherry was very scared that Annie would tell the teacher the truth, so she denied it and told Annie that she was looking for something else in the classroom during break time. Annie then said to Sherry, "I see. Yeah, I didn't think it was you either. I'm just asking. You are a Christian, and I know that all Christians keep the Ten Commandments. I'm sure you don't steal!" Immediately, Sherry felt very ashamed. She always thought that what she was doing was "no big deal," but she realized that, in God's eyes, she was breaking the eighth commandment. Annie also mentioned to Sherry that Amber was very sad after she realized her watch had been stolen because even though she didn't wear it, she always kept it with her since it was a gift from her late grandmother. At that point, Sherry almost felt like she had stopped breathing. She felt extremely guilty that she had stolen Amber's watch. She thought to herself, "If Grandma passed away, I'd keep everything she gave to me and store them as precious treasures." In fact, Sherry couldn't even imagine what it would be like if her grandmother passed away. To Amber, her watch was like her grandmother. Sherry never realized how blessed she was to still have her grandmother around, keeping her company all the time. Rather, she was greedy for a watch that she thought had no value to Amber.

That night, Sherry prayed for a very long time. In her prayer, she kept repenting to God for all those times she had stolen from others. She only realized how much she had sinned after discovering how much Amber's watch really meant to her. The things she stole that may have been "no big deal" to her were actually very important to others. She was determined not to steal again. The next day, Sherry wrote a letter and gave it to Amber, along with her watch. She had been afraid of telling Amber that she was the one who had stolen her watch, but she prayed for the courage to apologize to Amber and to be honest with her. Thank God, Amber was very understanding, and she didn't get angry with Sherry. She was very happy that she had her watch back and that Sherry had determined not to steal again!

### Fear God, who sees and knows everything in secret.

The Bible tells us, "Be sure your sin will find you out" (Num 32:23). Have any of you ever had this experience before? You might have done something wrong, but before you even said anything, Mom or Dad already knew what happened. Well, our parents may know a lot of things, but they don't know everything. However, nothing can be hidden from God's eyes. From above, God sees clearly every little thing you have done in secret. Jeremiah 23:24 says, "'Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?' says the LORD; 'Do I not fill heaven and earth?' says the LORD." As this verse mentions, God's

presence fills both the heaven and the earth. He's everywhere... He's even here with us right now! Nothing can be hidden from His presence.

Not only does God see everything we do, but He also knows every little thought that we have in our hearts. The Bible tells us, "Would not God search this out? For He knows the secrets of the heart" (Ps 44:21). God doesn't only see what is visible. He can see through our hearts and knows what we are thinking. When it comes to sinning, it is not only what we do that counts, but also what is in our

hearts. Cursing out loud and cursing in your heart are both sinning. Therefore, being a true follower of God begins with the heart. God doesn't only look at who we are outwardly. 1 Samuel 16:7 says, "For the LORD does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart." People can hide many things from others, but they cannot hide anything from God. He searches our hearts and knows whether or not we are truly obeying Him. This is why the Bible says, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength" (Dt 6:5).

So, how can we follow God closely with all our hearts? The Bible says, "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding" (Prov 9:10). In order for us to have true understanding of God's wisdom, we must first learn to fear God. To fear God means to love and respect Him. When we love God as our heavenly Father and respect Him as our Creator and Judge, we will try our very best to obey Him. Love and respect come from our hearts; when we truly fear God, we will follow Him with all our hearts, with all our souls, and with all our strength. There is nothing to hide. There is nothing to be put in secret. When God searches our hearts, He sees our fear and knows that we are His true followers. Let me share a story with you!

One Sunday, Anthony went to Jonathan's house to play video games. Not long after Anthony left, he found out that his watch was missing, so he called Jonathan. Here's their conversation.

**Anthony:** Hi, Jonathan! I'm wondering if you happened to see my watch anywhere in your house. It might have fallen out of my backpack when I was at your house today!

**Jonathan:** No, I haven't seen your watch anywhere in my house. Are you sure it was lost at my house?

**Anthony:** I've had it in my backpack all week, and I just realized that I lost it. I don't know where it is... I looked everywhere in my house and it's not here. It must either be at school or at your place since these are the only places I went to with my backpack this week. I hope that I didn't lose it at school because I wouldn't even know where to start looking!

**Jonathan:** Hmm, yeah, I hope it's not at school either. Well, I'll try to look around for you. If I see it, I'll bring it to school and give it back to you tomorrow. Okay?

**Anthony:** Okay! Thanks, Jonathan.

**Jonathan:** You're welcome!

After they hung up, Jonathan began to look around for Anthony's watch. Suddenly, Jonathan stepped on something... It was Anthony's watch! Jonathan picked it up and realized that Anthony's watch was a limited edition watch that he had wanted for a long time.

Immediately, Jonathan thought to himself: "Anthony said that he didn't know exactly where he lost his watch. If I tell him that I didn't find it at my house, he would probably just think that he lost it at school! This can't be called stealing since he left it at my house... I didn't take it from him!"

That night, Jonathan couldn't fall asleep. Even though his favorite watch was right there next to him, he didn't feel happy. Anthony would probably never find out that Jonathan had kept his watch, but Jonathan knew that God saw everything he did and thought in secret. He also knew that God was most likely very disappointed at him right now for wanting to keep Anthony's watch. Jonathan didn't know what to do... He really loved the watch, but he didn't want to hurt God by breaking the eighth commandment. Therefore, he knelt down to pray. In his prayer, Jonathan said:

"Lord, I'm really sorry that I thought about stealing today. I know that must have hurt You very much. You have given me so much already... I shouldn't have been greedy but thankful for what I already have. Lord, please help me and give me the strength to obey Your commandments with fear. I don't want to go down the path of the wicked and disappoint You. Please help me love You with all my heart, all my soul, and all my strength, and be thankful for all that You have given me."

After his prayer, Jonathan knew exactly what he should do. He was able to fall asleep right away. The next day, Jonathan brought the watch to school and gave it back to Anthony. Anthony was so happy that Jonathan had found his watch and that he didn't have to look all over school for it. That day, Anthony called Jonathan after school and said, "My dad actually works for the company that made this watch. He brought two of them home from work, one for me and one for my older brother. But my brother didn't like it and he said he wouldn't mind if I gave it to a friend. Do you like this watch, too? If you do, I can give you my brother's!" In the end, not only did Anthony get his watch back, Jonathan also got a new watch!

Do you think Achan remembered when God said that all the gold, silver, and iron was reserved for the tabernacle? [Pause for students' responses.] He probably remembered, but he chose to disobey God. It was only after he was caught that he said, "I saw it, I wanted it, I took it, and I hid it." Who else in the Bible also took the same steps and sinned against God? Here is your hint—this person is a female who had been created by God. That's right! Eve did the same thing. She saw the fruit, she desired it, and then she took it, ate it, and gave it to Adam. Isn't that the way sin works for every single one of us? We see

something, we want it—even if it's not good for us, even if it's something we're not supposed to have—and we take it. What can we do to change this course of action? That's right, we must be very careful of what our eyes are looking at, and more importantly, what our hearts are focused on. Before we end this session, let's do a quick activity.

**For Teachers:** Pass out a small sheet of paper to the students and ask them to write down "I saw it, I \_\_\_\_\_

it, I \_\_\_\_\_ it, and I \_\_\_\_\_ it." Ask the students to fill in the blanks to turn things around. See if any of the students would like to share their own personal experience of overcoming bad habits such as stealing, lying, etc. **Note:** Most of the students are still young and probably have not actually stolen things. You could explain that even a small act, such as stealing a piece of cake meant for after dinner, is wrong. Taking things meant for another time without prior permission is not right.

## HOMWORK ANSWER KEY

1. False; God sees everything.
2. True
3. tent
4. steal
5. C
6. A
7. Answers may vary. Possible answers: disappointed, sad, angry, etc.
8. Achan and his family all died; all his possessions and the things he had stolen were burned to ashes.

## ACTIVITY

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### Memory Verse Relay

- Objectives:**
1. To review the memory verse.
  2. To practice finding the memory verse in the Bible.

#### Preparations

1. Write the memory verse in large letters on the board. "*Let him who stole steal no longer.*" (Ephesians 4:28a)
2. Place two closed Bibles on a table at the front of the classroom.

#### Instructions

1. Divide the students into two teams and form two lines. Younger E1 students can be paired up with older ones to look for the verse together.
2. Have the first student from each team walk quickly to the Bibles to find Ephesians 4:28a. Once they find it, they should put their fingers on the verse and show you. Then they will close the Bibles and walk back to their team quickly and sit at the end of the line so the next student can go.
3. Continue playing until both teams are finished. The last student in line should read the verse aloud after locating it.
4. If time allows, rearrange the teams and play a second time.

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### Remember the Commandments / Optional

- Objective:** To use classroom decorations to remind the students of the commandments they have learned.

#### Instructions

Since this quarter's lessons focus on the Ten Commandments, it would be nice to decorate the classroom with each commandment. These decorations will also serve to remind the students how to obey God.

Have the students write out the commandment that they learned in this lesson on a piece of construction paper and decorate it to make it meaningful. After the students are done, the teacher can put the commandment on a classroom wall for all the students to see.

This lesson's commandment is: "**8. You shall not steal.**"

## 3

**Ten Commandments Word Search****Objective:** To review the Ten Commandments.**Instructions**

1. Review the Ten Commandments with the students briefly. See if anyone can recite all of them without looking.
2. Divide students into two to three teams to work on this word search together. Give them a set period of time to search. Whichever team finds the most words within the allotted time wins! The words are vertical, horizontal, diagonal, and backward.

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# E1 Year 1 Book 3 Lesson 8—Do Not Steal

## Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Truth:** God punishes those who break His commandment and steal.

**Lesson Objectives:** 1. To understand that stealing is wrong and is a sin in God's eyes.  
 2. To know that God sees and knows everything that we do in secret.

**Bible Reading:** Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

**Prayer:** Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Bible Reading</b>							
<b>Prayer</b>							

### Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse.

(Ephesians 4:28a)

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### What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

# Homework Assignment

*Understanding What You Have Learned*

## True or False

1. God won't notice a small sin. \_\_\_\_\_
2. The Israelites took over the city of Ai successfully after God punished Achan. \_\_\_\_\_

## Fill In the Blank

3. Achan took the stolen items and hid them inside his \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The eighth commandment says, "You shall not \_\_\_\_\_."

## Multiple Choice

5. \_\_\_\_ : What did Achan steal? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. He stole gold.
  - b. He stole gold and silver.
  - c. He stole gold, silver, and a garment.
6. \_\_\_\_ : How did Joshua know who had stolen from God? \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. God told Joshua who it was.
  - b. Prophet Nathan told Joshua who it was.
  - c. Prophet Elijah told Joshua who it was.

## Short Answer

7. How do you think God felt when Achan stole from Him?  
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8. What were the negative consequences of Achan's sin?  
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