

# EPHESIANS

Stop stealing ... start sharing.

Main Scripture: Ephesians 4:28

**Stop stealing. (v 28)**

**Start sharing. (v 28)**

(Acts 4:42-44; Ex 35; Mal 2:13-14, 3:8, 10; 2 Cor 8:1-7)

**There's hope.**

(Eph 4:24)

# Next Steps

If you're struggling with the issue of stealing or sharing, there's always hope in Christ.

- Confess it and repent.
- If you have stolen, make amends.
- Commit to God.
- Teach these truths to your children.
- Step away from earthly/earthbound logic.
- Enrol in our course – Life. Money. Legacy.

# Heartland Kids Weekend Bulletin

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## Ephesians 4:28

*Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.*

### Stop Stealing

- Stealing is taking something that doesn't belong to you. Think about how you would feel if someone took your favourite toy and didn't give it back. That's how God and others feel when we steal!
- Pastor Al gives examples of stealing in his sermon. Do you think everything he listed is stealing?

### Start Sharing

- The opposite of stealing is sharing. Have you ever thought of sharing that way before?
- What is the difference between a tithe and an offering?

### There's Hope

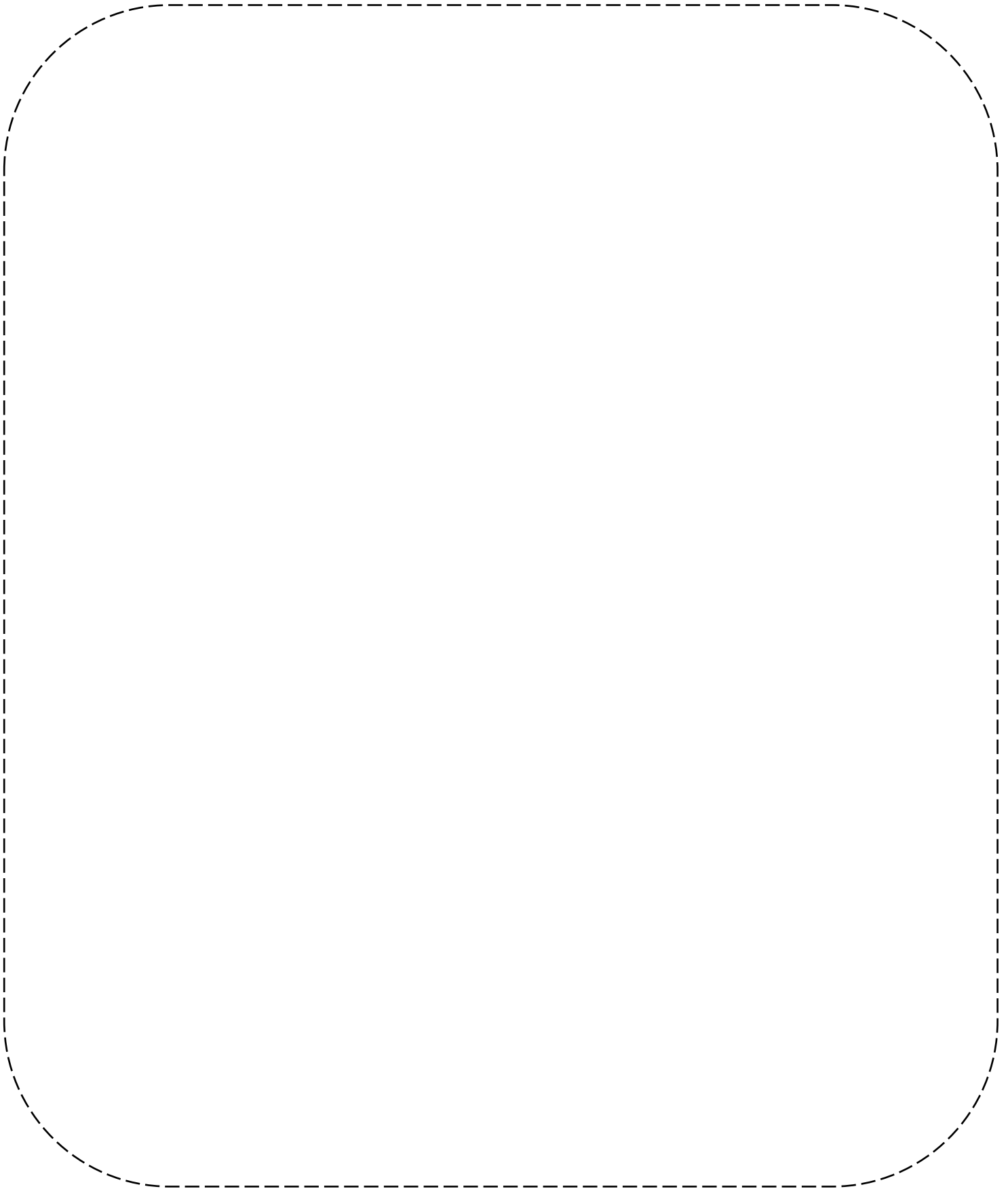
- God always wants to help us! You can pray and ask for His help and forgiveness.
- If you think you have a problem stealing, talk to your parents and ask them to make a plan with you.

### Some questions to discuss as a family:

Do you steal? Even accidentally?

Do you tithe as a family? How can you tithe as an individual?

Draw a picture of what you learned today.



# Family Challenge

Your family challenge this week is to share! Since Pastor Al told us the opposite of stealing is sharing, put this into practice. Below are a few ways you can share as a family this week.

- Cook a meal together and share around the dinner table.
- Go for a walk in the sunshine and share the outdoors.
- Share your toys and games with your siblings.
- Watch a movie and share popcorn, snacks and a big blanket together.
- You can even share with people outside your family this week! Go through your toys and see if there are any you can give away to a second-hand store.

Share with us too! Tag us on social media or email us your cool stories about sharing this week.

# Sticky Fingers

Sometimes, when people steal, they get told they have “sticky fingers.” This week you can play a game to help you understand how stealing affects yourself as well as those around you! You will need at least two people to play this game.

## Materials:

- Tape
- Construction paper
- Pencil
- Scissors

## How to play:

1. Players should sit across a table from each other.
2. Players can draw and cut out objects from their construction paper (toys, food, favourite shirt, etc.)
3. Place the construction paper objects around the table, within reach of both players.
4. Place a ring of tape around the fingers of one hand, sticky side out, leaving the other hand free (see the picture below).
5. On the count of three, players will try to “save” their objects from being taken by covering them with their ‘un-taped’ hand while simultaneously trying to “steal” objects from their opponent using their taped hand.
6. Once players have taken as many objects as their tape will allow, have them try and put the objects back without ripping the construction paper.

## Questions to ask:

1. How hard was it to steal the other players’ objects?
2. Were you worried about your own objects being stolen?
3. Were you able to put the objects back without the paper tearing?



When we steal something it's like we have sticky fingers. Even when we give the object back, things can feel a bit wrecked. That is because people have lost trust in us. The best way to ask for forgiveness is to pray and ask Jesus to help you apologize and change your habits.

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The Small Group Sermon Study  
Ephesians 4:28



**Opening Prayer: Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.**

1. Big Picture: What did you like or appreciate about this message? What challenged you in this message?
2. Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:
  - a. What does this tell us about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels, what is important to Him, etc.?
  - b. What does this say to those of us who follow Jesus (individually and/or the church)?
  - c. How have you handled situations (i.e., at work, at school, in your family) when you've witnessed others stealing? Do you speak up or do you ignore it?
  - d. How have we done as a small group at sharing with those in need? How might we do better at this in the future?
3. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage make you ponder?

***Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.***

4. What emotions does this passage or key theme stir up in you?
5. What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you about yourself when it comes to stealing and sharing?
6. What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

***Prayer: Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).***