

# You Shall Not Covet

Exodus 20:17; Deuteronomy 5:21

1. **What Does It Mean to Covet?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. **What Are You Not to Covet?**
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. **How to Overcome the Desire to Covet**

## **Application: Attributes of Contented People**

1. They live \_\_\_\_\_
2. They live \_\_\_\_\_
3. They have learned \_\_\_\_\_
4. They have learned \_\_\_\_\_
5. They have learned \_\_\_\_\_

## **For Your Family:**

**Summarize** the 10th Commandment: *You shall not covet . . .*

**Explain** that “covet” means to want something that someone else has in a way that leads you to want to do something wrong in order to have it for yourself.

Maybe your friend gets something that you’ve wanted for a long time. Instead of being happy for your friend, you’re sad for yourself. You start thinking of ways to steal it from them. Maybe you get so mad that you don’t want to talk to them anymore, or you want to break what they got so they can’t enjoy it.

**Explain** how coveting leads to other problems: you might get mad at them; you might want to steal it from them, or you might even want to hurt them.

**Read** Genesis 37:1–11. Tell how Joseph was hated by his brothers because of the special coat he was given and because of his dreams. Tell how his hatred caused them to want to kill Joseph, and how they ended up selling him into slavery, and telling his father that he had died. (Genesis 37:12–36)

God tells us to not covet because he knows what it will do to our heart, and what it can cause us to do to others.

**Review** the Ten Commandments:

Put God First  
Worship Him Only  
Keep God’s Name Holy  
Keep the Lord’s Day Holy  
Honor Your Parents  
Do Not Murder  
Do Not Commit Adultery  
Do Not Steal  
Do Not Lie  
Do Not Covet

**Pray together** that you will not covet what other people have; instead you will be happy for them, and you will be happy with what you have.