

You Shall Not Steal

Exodus 20:15; Deuteronomy 5:19

1. _____ **People Steal**

2. _____ **People Steal**

3. _____ **to Avoid Stealing**

Application:

For Your Family:

Say together the 8th Commandment: You shall not steal.

Talk together about why it is wrong to steal from others.

Think together about different ways we steal from others.

Explain how the opposite of stealing is generosity. Instead of taking what others have, we need to learn how to be generous with what God has given us.

Read together Genesis 25:19–34 (Esau sells his birthright).

Explain the importance of a birthright in those days. The first-born son (even if a twin) would receive a double portion of his father's possessions. (You may want to illustrate this idea: use tokens to show how this worked: 2 to the firstborn; 1 each to the other sons.)

Talk about the situation here. Esau was so hungry he was willing to sell his very valuable birthright for some "red stew." It was such a poor choice that he was given a nickname for it: "Edom," which means "red."

Talk about how Jacob took advantage of Esau's situation. Instead of being generous with his stew (Esau was his brother!), Jacob convinced Esau to sell his birthright. Explain how this was a form of stealing. God wants us to be generous with what he has given us, especially when someone else is needy.

Review the first eight 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

Pray together that you will be generous with what God has given you. Pray that you will not steal from others.