

# FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

This lesson is produced by St. Paul's-Muskego KIDS CLUB for parents and children to use together at home. Portions of the "Dig In"® curriculum are used with the permission of Group Publishing, Inc.—Loveland, CO.

## Week of February 21, 2021



DIGGING INTO



### GOD'S COMMANDMENTS

## Do Not Steal

[Exodus 20:15; John 12:1-8](#)

### THE LESSON

God commands his people not to steal. In fact, in the Old Testament of the Bible, people caught stealing might get these punishments:

- Steal someone's ox, you have to give five back ([Exodus 22:1](#)).
- Steal food, you have to give seven times as much back ([Proverbs 6:30-31](#)).
- Steal someone's servant and you could be put to death ([Exodus 21:16](#)).

Stealing is certainly a serious matter to God.

Did you know that Judas, one of Jesus' disciples, was a thief (stealer)? Judas is the treasurer for the disciples. He holds on to any money the disciples might receive or make. Secretly, Judas steals some of the money for himself. To make matters worse, Judas hypocritically criticizes a woman who gives generously to Jesus. Judas says she's being wasteful and that her "donation" could be better spent. Can you believe it? Learn more using the verses at the very top above and videos below.

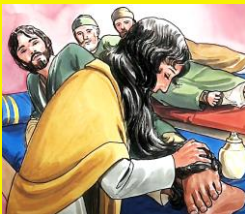
## You shall not steal.

*What does this mean?*

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

THE POINT    **We don't steal.**

[Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet](#)



[Mary Pours Perfume on Jesus](#)



[Jesus Anointed at Bethany](#)



# Through the Week

Replace greed with generosity in your family this week.

- Set a goal of how many things you think you can find to donate to charity.
- Collect the items you can give, then see if you hit your goal.
- Drop the items off at a homeless shelter, women's shelter, or other charity.



*Did you know that KIDS CLUB children attending in-person sessions have already given \$687.57 to help the Garden Homes Food Pantry? Praise God for their Spirit-motivated generosity!*



## watch & discuss

### Noah's Story

1. What did Noah and his friend, Jared, find?
2. Have you ever found any money or other valuable item that appeared to be lost? Share.
3. Sometimes people that find money or other valuable things say, "Finders keepers, losers weepers." What does that mean?
4. Why did Noah feel "finders keepers" is wrong?
5. Noah said finding someone else's money was just like stealing. Do you agree? Explain.
6. Jared tried to steal the dollar and use it at the vending machine. What did Noah say and do then?
7. Why did this take real courage on Noah's part?
8. Could you have done what Noah did with his friend?
9. Noah gets the money back and returns it to his mom's kindergarten classroom. About Jared, Noah says, "We all make bad choices." What wonderful thing did Noah then say about God?
10. Tell of a time when you were happy God forgave you.

**DEAR HEAVENLY FATHER:** *Help us to honor and love you so much that we never even think about taking someone else's money, property, or possessions. Help us to be honest with others at all times and assist them in taking care of the gifts you have given them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

S

I

N

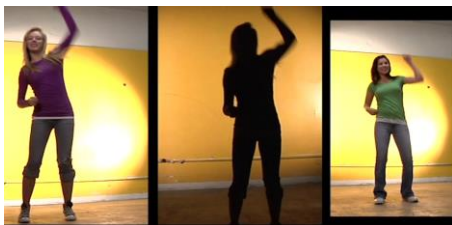
G



Thankful



Worship Christ



Living Inside Out