

The Ten Commandments Lesson 10 Teacher's Schedule & Games

(Assign your assistant's their roles and provide each member of your team with the material as early as possible so that they may learn their parts.)

Date: _____

TEACHERS PRESENT: _____

Topic: *You Shall Not Covet*

1. **Praise/Worship/Opening:** _____

2. **Cartoon Bible Story:** _____

3. **Lesson Teaching:** _____

Code Word Game:

Prior to class, prepare some tickets by cutting them in half (there should be identical numbers at both ends of the ticket). In a larger class you would want 4 bags with 10 tickets each to be handed out during the teaching of the lesson. Pick a Code word and announce it before the lesson teaching. During your sermon whenever you say the code word the first child in each section, which stands up and says "Amen" gets a ticket. At the end of the program make sure everyone has a ticket or two. You will want to prepare these tickets ahead of time. Draw some tickets for a few prizes. We give larger candy prizes. This keeps the kids at the edge of their seats during lesson time.

4. **Puppet Skit** **Characters** **Assistants**
Sally: _____
Devil: _____

5. **Skit** **Characters** **Assistants**
Narrator/Nerd Norman/God's Voice: _____
Nerd Norbert: _____

6. **Object Lesson:** _____

7. **Memory Verse Games:**

CANDY STEALING. Preparation: Mark a large square onto the floor with either chalk or masking tape. In each corner place 4 candy items. (Example in one corner you would put 4 chocolate bars, in the 2nd corner, 4 bags of chips, in the 3rd and 4th corners some other type of candy treats.) Make sure that the candy treats you choose, do not roll. Place one child in each corner. When you say go, each child must simultaneously go and steal a candy treat from someone else's corner and then bring it back to their pile. The hitch is that they can only go to one corner at a time and they must promptly bring the item to their corner. They can run diagonally also. Run each round for 20 seconds. The action is fast and intense. Remind the kids to be careful not to crash into each other. Have them recite the memory verse before and between rounds. The one with the most candy wins. We usually award the winner with one candy prize.

SNOW BALL PUSH. Preparation: Using waste paper crumple the paper into hundreds of paper wads. You should have enough paper wads to fill a large garbage bag (the kind you rake leaves into). Using masking tape, put a line into the center of the floor and dump the bag of paper wads directly on the line so that the wads fall approximately 50% on each side of the line. Choose 2 people who will be opponents. On the signal the 2 people have to push the wads over the opponents side of the line. At 30 seconds the whistle is blown and the person who has pushed the most wads over the other side of the line is the winner. Recite memory verse between rounds.

A less messy alternative to this game is to make a square on the floor with chalk or masking tape. Draw a line in the center. Place one person in each half of the square. Give each person 15 or 20 paper wads. Each person should have different coloured paper wads. When you say "go" they must toss their paper wads unto the other person's side. At the end of 20 seconds with person with the least number of paper wads is the winner.

8. **Review Game:**

HOLE-IN-ONE Supplies: A cardboard box with three or four 5-inch holes cut in the bottom and some golf or tennis balls Place the cardboard box bottom-up. Mark a line with masking tape five feet from the box. Divide the class up into two teams. When a team player answers a review question correctly, he or she has the chance to score points by putting a ball at the box to try to score a "hole-in-one." The player has two chances to get the ball into a hole. Five points are awarded if the ball goes in on either attempt. The team with the most points wins. Variation: The holes in the box can be varied in size and marked with point values, so that some holes are worth more than others.

Props Needed Today:

- Songs Picked for Opening/Overheads
- Offering Bucket.
- Small Candy Treats for New Kids and Birthdays
- Code Word Tickets
- Prizes for Ticket Draw
- prepare Memory Verse papers to pass out

Puppets:

- See Schedule
- pin up puppet play in duplicate to back of puppet stage, stuffed dog toy

Skit Props:

several boxes with the word "corn" written on the side, a lounge chair, a bag of popcorn, 2 nerd outfits

Object Lesson Props:

Small box filled with lots of pennies or other small change

Cartoon Bible Story:

Arrange Cartoons in desired format.

Memory Verse Game Supplies:

Large garbage bag full of paper wads, 4 each of 4 different types of candy treats (make sure to pick candy that does not roll), masking tape

Review Game Supplies:

Box with round holes cut out of bottom edge, golf putter, golf balls

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS - Lesson 10

(A story based on 1 Kings 21, 1 Kings 22:29, 2 Kings 9:30)



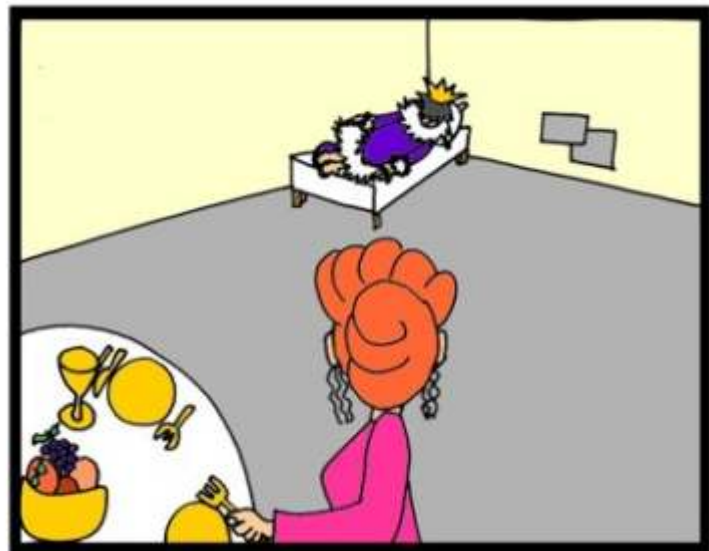
"Give me your vineyard," demanded wicked King Ahab. "I want to turn it into a vegetable garden. I'll give you a better vineyard or if you would rather have money for it, then I will pay you with money."

"God said we can't sell the inheritance from our fathers," answered Naboth.

Ahab returned to his palace, threw himself on his bed, turned his face away and refused to eat any food.

"Why are you so sad that you won't eat any food?" asked Jezebel Ahab's wife.

"Because I asked Naboth to give me his vineyard and he said no!" retorted King Ahab.





"You're the boss over all the land of Israel! Get up eat some food and be happy! I'll get the vineyard of Naboth for you," promised Jezebel.

Jezebel made an evil plan. She wrote letters to all the elders and noble people of the city and she signed them with King Ahab's name.

The people obeyed. They proclaimed a fast and made a special seat of honour for Naboth in front of everyone. Suddenly 2 scoundrels stood up and started yelling, "We heard Naboth say bad things about God and the King!"



The people took Naboth out and threw stones at him until he was dead, exactly as the Queen had ordered them to do.

"Ahab," said Jezebel. "Get up and take possession of Naboth's vineyard which he refused to give to you. Naboth is dead!"



King Ahab went to the vineyard and God sent Prophet Elijah to meet him with a message. "This is what God says, 'In the place where the dogs licked Naboth's blood, the dogs will lick your blood too! All your sons and grandsons will die! And the dogs will eat Queen Jezebel.'"



When King Ahab heard all the bad things that God said would happen to him and his kids, he tore his clothes, he wore scratchy clothes called sackcloth. He didn't eat any food and he was very sad. God said, "Look how Ahab has humbled himself. I will not bring the calamity in his days but in the days when his son is the king."





There was no one like King Ahab who did so many bad things, because his wife Queen Jezebel always put him up to do bad things and he did whatever she said. In later days King Ahab was shot by an arrow. When they washed his blood from the chariot, the dogs came and licked it up just like God said would happen.

The people threw Queen Jezebel over the wall where she was trampled by horses. When they came back to bury her they couldn't find anything left of her except her skull, her feet and the palms of her hands. The dogs had eaten the rest of her.



Ahab brought a lot of trouble on his family because he wanted something that belonged to someone else. Oh if only he had obeyed the 10th commandment - you shall not covet.

HEY YOU!

Tips to presenting an effective Lesson:

1. This is an OUTLINE for meditation.
2. Begin meditating upon lesson material early in week.
3. DO NOT READ this outline to the class.
4. Know lesson material well enough that you only have to glance over at the notes occasionally.
5. Ask God to give you ideas on how to add humour and interest to your presentation.

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Lesson Outline

Scriptures to Study: Hebrews 13:15, Colossians 3:5, Luke 12:15, Psalm 84:11, Psalm 31:15, Hebrews 13:5, 1 Corinthians 12:31, 1 Corinthians 14:39, 1 Timothy 6:6, Matthew 6:33

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:17b You must not covet (want really badly) anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Central Truth: Contentment brings happiness. Covetousness brings unhappiness.

Message to the Teacher: Our western culture is very materialistic and the message portrayed to young people is that the people who have the “most stuff” are the happiest. We need to constantly remind our young people that true joy comes from within, from a pure and vibrant relationship with the Lord. If we seek first his kingdom and righteousness, all these things will be added to us.

OUTLINE:

A. Covetousness is idolatry.

1. Coveting is wanting something with unhealthy extreme desire.
2. Coveting is to be fixated on something more than on God.
3. When you covet something, you think about it more than you think about God.

B. Covetousness is selfishness.

1. We should be happy for people when they have something nice.
2. If we are resentful when other people get what we want, we are thinking about ourselves too much.

C. Covetousness is not trusting in God.

1. No good thing will God withhold from those who walk uprightly.
2. Our times are in God's hands. We must be patient and thank God while we wait for those things we have asked for.
3. You must believe your day will come and that others will rejoice with you. In the same way you must rejoice with other people when it is their day to receive blessings.
4. Covetousness drives people to take matters into their own hands and try to get things earlier than God planned.
5. God said he will never leave us or forsake us. Turn to God when you feel feelings of covetousness trying to get in your life.

D. Covetousness can distort people's priorities and values.

1. Some people want things so bad they will spend more time trying to make money than they should. Some people will stop going to church or praying or reading their bible so they can work all the time.
2. Some people will steal to get what they covet.
3. Judges and people in authority who are covetous will take bribes from evil people.
4. Jesus said to beware of covetousness. A man's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses.

E. Covetousness can make people ungrateful.

1. If you always have your eyes on other people's blessings, you will disdain and become ungrateful for the things you have.
2. We must be thankful people, using our mouths always to thank God, not to complain.
3. If you have a complaining, ungrateful spirit, you will remain unhappy even when you do get the thing you wanted.
4. Godliness with contentment is great gain. We have promises for this life and our future life.

F. Cure for Covetousness.

1. God's presence and anointing are the true riches. We should covet his presence and spiritual gifts more than natural gifts.
2. Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things (natural things) will be added to you.

Tips for Good Puppetry:

1. Open and close the puppets mouth on every word syllable. Make sure the puppet's mouth is moving when you are talking.
2. Practice voices for a little girl, little boy, man, woman, old man, old woman, and devil.
3. Exaggerate all emotions.
4. Make sure the puppet is facing the kids. It is easy to forget the position of the puppet when you are concentrating on reading your lines. Make sure your arm inside the puppet is up tall and straight. People have the tendency to let their arm droop.
5. Puppets should enter and exit the puppet stage as if they are ascending and descending a set of stairs.

The Ten Commandments**Lesson 10****Puppet Show**

(Characters: Sally, Devil)

(Props: Stuffed Dog toy. Decide ahead of time who will do the small dog part.)

Devil: I am trying to get Sally to break one of the 10 Commandments and it's not going so good. God is #1 to her. She won't worship idols. She honours her mom and dad all the time! It's sickening! It's despicable! She worships God and rests one day each week. I tried to get her to say the Lord's name like a swear word when she stubbed her toe and she said in a dreamy voice, "Jesus Christ I love you." Ahhh foey, despicable! She won't steal and she won't tell lies. I'll never get her to murder someone. She won't even think anything bad about anyone!

(Sally enters)

Devil: Sally commit adultery!

Sally: No I'm waiting until I get married.

Devil: Hey well that's good. She's going to commit adultery after she gets married.

Sally: No, wait a second. That's not what I mean. When I get married, I am going to only love my husband. Till death do us part! I hope that Stinky will be my husband. But don't tell Stinky.

Devil: Ahhh!!!!!! What am I going to do? There's one more commandment left - Thou shalt not covet. I haven't tried that one yet. It means you want something that belongs to someone else so bad that it is all you think about. And instead of being happy for the other person, you get

bad feelings for them. (to Sally) Remember how Jenny has a puppy dog named Sparky.

Sally: He sure is a nice puppy.

Devil: Too bad you don't have a puppy like Jenny.

Sally: Too bad I don't have a puppy.

Devil: You want that puppy?

Sally: I sure would like to have that puppy.

Devil: Well dream on girly! He's not your dog and he never will be! You'll probably never have a dog.

Sally: (*very sad now*) I'll probably never have a dog.

(*Sparky the dog enters and barks playfully.*)

Sally: Get out of here stupid Sparky dog!

(*Sparky exits mournfully.*)

Devil: Well I guess my job's done here. Sally broke the 10th commandment - you should not covet your neighbour's stuff!

(*Devil exits*)

Sally: Why am I so miserable? Cause I really want to have Sparky for my doggie, and he belongs to Jenny. Oh no! I am breaking the 10th commandment! I have been coveting Jenny's dog. I'm sorry. Sparky! Sparky! Come back! I'm sorry!

(*Sparky returns.*)

Sally: (*to Sparky*) Will you forgive me boy?

Sparky: (*rubs on her affectionately*) Ruff Ruff!

Sally: Let's run to the church and praise the Lord.

Tips for Good Drama Presentation:

1. Never turn your back to your audience.
2. Be dramatic and always exaggerate every emotion.
3. Skits are in outline form and need not be memorized. Adlib if you wish. Just make sure the central truth is clearly portrayed.
4. Keep your eyes open at garage sales, and second hand shops for costume props. Good costumes add to the humour of the skit, and make the skit more memorable.

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Skit

(Based on Luke 12:13-21)

Characters: Narrator/Nerd Norman/God's voice, Nerd Norbert

(Props: several large boxes with the word "corn" written on the side, a lounge chair, a bag of popcorn, 2 nerd outfits)

Narrator/Nerd Norman: One day Jesus was teaching people about God's love when suddenly a man yelled out, "Master tell my brother to share the money he got when our parents died." Jesus answered, "Who made me the person in charge of dividing up the stuff?" Then Jesus spoke to all the people. "Be careful that you don't become a greedy person. Real life is not about how much stuff you have." Then he told them a story. "The fields of a certain rich man grew lots and lots of food, especially corn."

Nerd Norbert enters dressed as a farmer and tells everyone that he just loves being a corn farmer, especially at harvest time.

Nerd Norman enters carrying a large box marked "corn" on the side. "Farmer Norbert, where do you want me to put this corn?"

Norbert instructs him to put it in the barn.

While Norbert stands and recounts to the class all his favourite corn dishes (corn on the cob, corn fritters, cream corn, corn soup, best of all popcorn), Nerd Norman carries box after box of corn and piles it up high on the other end of the stage.

Nerd Norman tells Norbert that the barn is full. There is not even room for one more box of corn. Nerd Norman is relieved as he thinks that the job is done now and he can go home.

Norbert tells him to tear down the barn and build a bigger barn to hold more corn.

Nerd Norman is exasperated with Norbert and suggests that maybe Norbert should share some of his corn with the poor and starving people rather than HOARDING it all!

Nerd Norbert will not hear of it. He insists that he could not have too much corn. He needs every bit of corn that he can store.

Nerd Norman exits off stage and makes sawing and hammering noises. Then he goes and brings all the corn boxes, one by one, to the new storage facilities.

Nerd Norman tells Norbert that he is done. He is going home. Norman exits.

Norbert briefly inspects his new storage facilities and decides that he has enough corn stored up for many years and now he is going to rest, take it easy and eat popcorn. (*Norbert sits down and opens a bag of popcorn which he savours.*)

God's voice (Nerd Norman): You fool!

Norbert: Who said that?

God's voice (Nerd Norman): It's me God. You fool, tonight you are going to die and who is going to get all that stuff that you have saved up?

Norbert has a dramatic dying scene.

Nerd Norman re-enters and finds Norbert dead. To test to see if Norbert is really dead, Norman threatens to give all the corn to the poor people. Norbert doesn't respond and so Norman knows he really is dead.

As Norman carries the boxes out, he comments that Norbert was a selfish old fool.

Narrator/Nerd Norman: This is the way it is with every person who stores up lots of treasure for himself but is not rich toward God.

Tips to performing good Object Lessons:

1. Read lesson early in the week.
2. Don't leave it to the last minute to purchase any items you need.
3. Know your lesson well enough that you only need to glance at the paper occasionally, if at all.

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Object Lesson

Props required: Small box filled with lots of pennies or other small change.

Teacher:

Boys and girls, one of the best defenses against becoming a greedy person is to choose to become a generous person.

(Hold up the moneybox.) I have here a box filled with money. Did you know Jesus had a moneybox? The bible says that people used to donate money, to help him do the work of the ministry. Jesus even had a treasurer, somebody who took care of the moneybox. Does anyone know what his name was?

ANSWER: His name was Judas (the disciple who later betrayed Jesus).

(Recruit two children, one to be Jesus and the other to be Judas.)

What did Jesus do with that money? *(Allow time for answers.)* We don't know everything Jesus did, but we do know Jesus was generous with the money. In fact on the night when Judas went out to make the deal with the bad guys, the other disciples thought Jesus was sending Judas to give money to the poor. *(Jesus gave money to the poor.)*

(The child who is Jesus gives out some of the pennies to kids in the class.)

But what about Judas, what was he doing? The bible says that Judas was stealing the money out of Jesus' moneybox.

(The child playing the part of Judas takes some of the money out of the box and slips it into his pocket.)

Judas was a hoarder, a covetous, greedy person. He was just like the farmer in today's skit. He even sold Jesus to the people who wanted to kill him for 30 pieces of silver! (He made a deal with them to help them arrest Jesus.)

In the end Judas committed suicide. Oh if only he had been a giver instead of a hoarder.

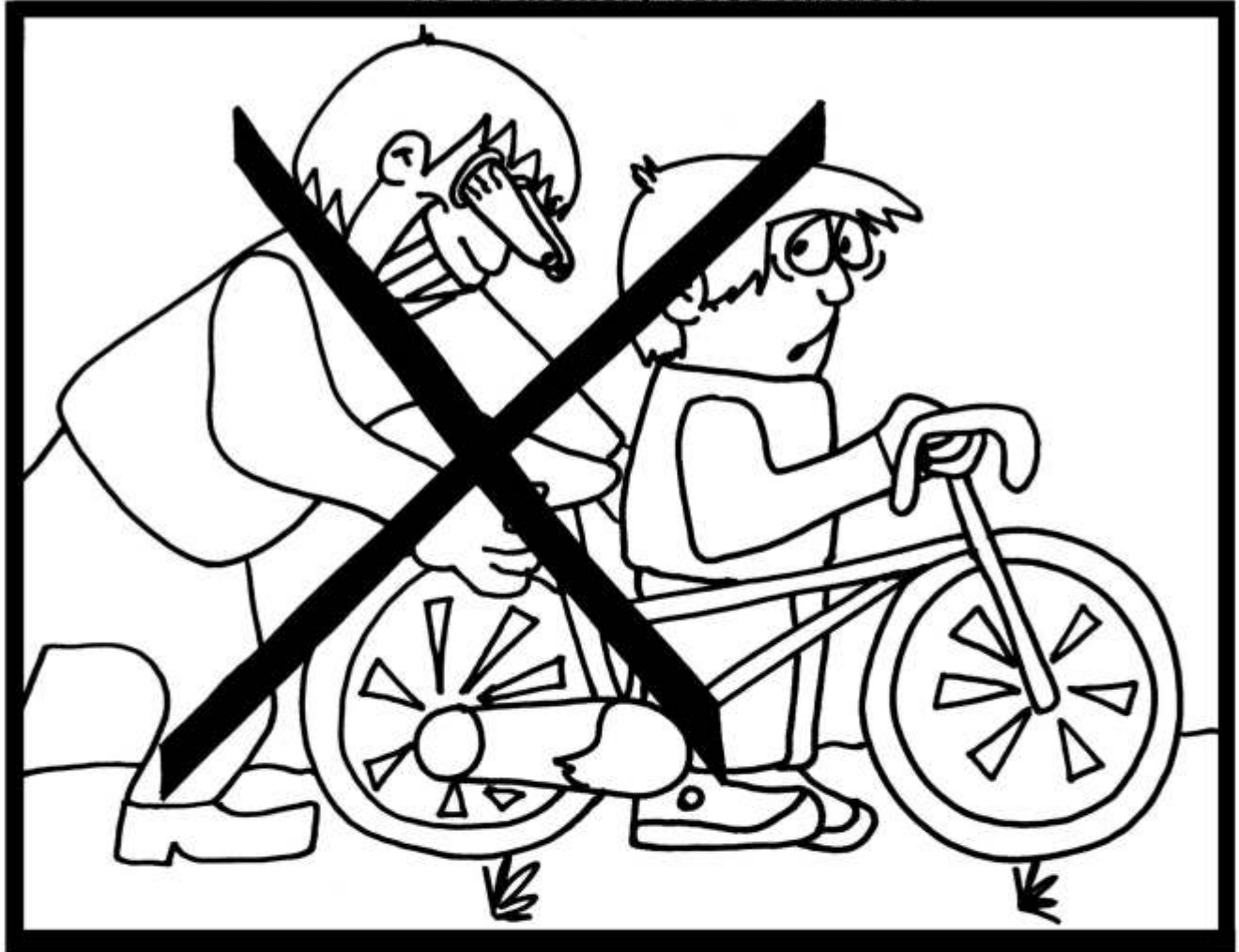
(Rules for the review game are contained on today's Teachers Schedule and Games page.)

1. What does it mean to covet?
WANTING SOMETHING WITH UNHEALTHY EXTREME DESIRE, TO BE FIXATED ON SOMETHING MORE THAN ON GOD.
2. Covetousness is _____
SELFISHNESS
3. Should we be happy for someone when they have something nice?
YES
4. True or False. Covetousness is trusting in God.
FALSE
5. Who should you turn to when you feel feelings of covetousness trying to get into your life?
GOD
6. What is one thing you can do that will help keep greediness out of your life?
BE GENEROUS AND GIVE TO THOSE IN NEED
7. Covetousness can make people:
a) happy
b) ungrateful
c) generous
B- UNGRATEFUL
8. What will happen if you always have your eyes on other people's blessings?
YOU WILL DISTAIN AND BECOME UNGRATEFUL FOR THE THINGS YOU HAVE.
9. What was the name of the most notorious King of Israel?
Wicked King Ahab

10. What did King Ahab want?
THE VINEYARD NEXT DOOR
11. Why wouldn't Naboth sell the property?
BECAUSE GOD SAYS YOU CAN'T SELL THE INHERITANCE FROM YOUR FATHERS.
(Explain to the kids that this rule does not apply to us today. It was just for the people of Israel in the promised land at that time.)
12. When King Ahab came home and wouldn't eat anything what did his wife Jezebel say she would do?
SHE WOULD GET HIM THE VINEYARD.
13. What was Jezebel's wicked plan?
SHE HAD NABOTH KILLED.
14. Ahab decided to claim the vineyard. Who met with King Ahab at the vineyard?
THE PROPHET ELIJAH
15. What was the main message that Elijah told Ahab?
THE DOGS WOULD LICK HIS BLOOD WHERE NABOTH DIED. HIS FAMILY WOULD BE CUT OFF FROM THE THRONE. HIS SONS AND GRANDSONS WOULD DIE. DOGS WOULD EAT QUEEN JEZEBEL.
16. In the end what happened to Queen Jezebel?
PEOPLE THREW HER OVER THE WALL. SHE WAS TRAMPLED BY HORSES AND THE DOGS ATE HER.
17. What did Jesus say we should beware of after the man interrupted his message?
BEWARE THAT YOU DON'T BECOME A GREEDY PERSON.
18. Finish the sentence. Jesus said "Real life is not about how much _____ you have?
STUFF

19. Jesus said we should seek first what thing and then everything else will come to us?
SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD AND HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.
20. What do you think the farmer should have done with all his crops instead of storing it up in bigger barns?
THIS IS AN OPEN ENDED QUESTION MEANT TO BRING ABOUT DISCUSSION.

TC-10 Memory Verse Handout



I	G	Q	S	R	D	C	Q	E	C	N	T	P	S	S	BePatient
L	O	X	S	X	B	O	X	L	O	H	N	I	E	E	Complain
X	D	P	E	B	A	N	M	P	V	C	E	S	E	H	Contentment
Y	W	W	N	N	E	T	X	O	E	O	I	N	K	C	Covetousness
Y	I	F	L	W	A	E	H	E	T	M	T	E	H	I	GodGavePromises
Z	L	T	U	W	Y	N	A	P	O	P	A	W	I	R	GodWillBlessYou
U	L	R	F	I	X	T	P	R	U	L	P	H	S	E	Happiness
E	B	U	E	D	T	M	P	O	S	A	E	B	K	U	HappyForPeople
S	L	S	T	O	P	E	I	F	N	I	B	X	I	R	Idolatry
M	E	T	A	L	V	N	N	Y	E	N	G	X	N	T	SeekHisKingdom
Q	S	G	R	A	Q	T	E	P	S	U	U	W	G	W	TrueRiches
Y	S	O	G	T	F	H	S	P	S	U	J	P	D	W	TrustGod
A	Y	D	N	R	N	J	S	A	H	F	E	W	O	G	Ungratefulness
G	O	N	U	Y	C	K	Q	H	P	Y	O	G	M	Z	
G	U	L	V	P	Y	C	B	X	G	I	F	F	B	H	

Exodus 20:17b

**You must not covet
(want really badly)
anything that belongs
to your neighbour.**