

## Torch Bearers ( Std 5 and 6)

### Lesson 11

# Desire Not the Undeserving

#### OBJECTIVE:

The students should understand the importance of 10<sup>th</sup> commandment (Do not covet other's property) in their daily life and practice the virtues that will help them to overcome the sins of selfishness and covetousness.

#### INTRODUCTION:

Begin the lesson with an interesting story.

Everyday evening Dino used to play with his friends in his complex' play area. He had a friend who used to throw away his toys even with a small defect. One day that friend brought an interesting video game player, and everybody was excited to play games on it. Dino on returning home, requested such a gadget from his parents. They denied buying it explaining that it is expensive. A few days later while everybody was playing football, Dino secretly removed the play button of his friend's video game player. When his friend realized that gadget became defective, he left it there. As Dino returned home, his mother saw the video game player in his hand, and she enquired about it. Dino said that "It's play button was missing, and it is a defective piece, therefore his friend gave him ". But on that night Dino's Mother noticed that He was playing and enjoying that gadget. As soon as she understood her son's mistake, she reminded him about the 10th commandment and asked him to return the gadget to his friend.

#### PRESENTATION OF THE TOPIC:

Story - YouTube Link of - Ahab & Naboth's Vineyard I Book of Kings I Children's Bible Stories – <https://youtu.be/mjLCpCjAja8>

**God who does justice** – Explain how Just our God is and the reason for establishing the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment was the growing selfishness and greed in humans.

**Greed** – Explain how greed is an unjust act of coveting what is not yours. Narrate incidents reported in media, that are examples of how a man's greed for position, money, fame etc., lead to various crimes.

**Earning of wealth** – Explain how the right to earn wealth can turn into sin if it is approached inappropriately. Share examples that help children understand this better.

**Do not Hinder the rights of the other** – Explain hindering of rights of the other through examples such as denying admission to eligible students in institutions, restricting the privileges offered by Government or authorities etc., and hindering the right of others to earn wealth in just ways including blocking promotion in job, cheating in business, tarnishing other’s identity etc.

**Virtues that help conquer Greed** – List the virtues that help to conquer the greed which is a root cause for violating the 10th commandment. Explain those virtues like Spirit of Poverty, Thrift, Generosity, Satisfaction through suitable examples.

**Protection of Nature** – Explain how we are assigned the role of a steward of nature and not of an owner. God created natural sources for all, so we humans should not exploit it in an unjust manner, rather nourish it in the best possible manner.

### **PRACTICAL APPLICATION:**

#### **HABIT FORMATION:**

- Encourage students to give opportunities to other children also.
- Share the gifts/toys/chocolates/sweets with your friends.
- Share the belongings with needy.
- Advise Students to pray when they have the desire for undeserved (for Power, Positions, Money, and Luxurious comforts).
- Share care and concern for natural resources like saving water and electricity, not wasting food, avoid use and throw culture, keep queues, etc.

#### **BIBLE VERSE:**

Mt 5:3 :- “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

#### **ACTIVITY:**

1. Divide the students into two groups. Give one A4 sheet to each group and ask them to draw / cut a Heart shape of maximum size from it. One group must write a caption/heading as “*Good Heart with the Seven Virtues*” and write down seven virtues  
  
Other group shall write “*Bad Heart with the Seven Capital Sins*” and follow the same above pattern.
2. Ask students to play a game of dumb charades of seven capital sins and its opposite virtues.

#### **CONCLUSION:**

Conclude that Selfishness and Greed are one of the root causes of every sin that generates the desires in the heart and mind. Add that we need to form our character by practicing those seven virtues and learn to pray consistently. Stress on the fact that we must totally depend on God’s help to overcome the temptation, when sins and desires related to 10<sup>th</sup> commandment start to control us.