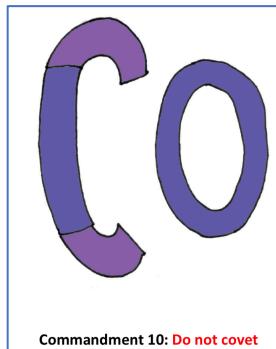


## *Lesson 9*

### **Do Not Covet**

Print out the worksheet and color the #10, which represents the last of the ten commandments. Turn the number, 1, into a “C.” CO would then stand for “covet.” Copy the commandment on the blank space provided.



## *Bible Lesson*

Today's lesson is about Commandment 10, "Do not covet." What does the word, "covet," mean? It means wanting something that is owned by someone else. Is it wrong to have wants? Of course not! God created us to have wants and desires but He wants us to go to Him to meet our needs. Philippians 4:19 says:

*And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

This is a promise. God tells us that He will meet all of our needs, and He will not only meet our needs, but give us more! However, we get into trouble when we do not believe God will give us what we need. When we don't believe Him, we try to get what we need by ourselves, even if it means doing something bad to get it.

Every day, the world tells us that the more stuff we have, the happier we will be. This is a lie! Let's look at what Jesus says in Matthew 6:33:

*But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

This means that if we follow God and obey Him, God will take care of all of us. Not only will He provide for our basic needs such as food, shelter, friends, and clothes, He will give us more. Let's read James 1:17:

*Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

Do you believe God when He says that He will take care of all of your needs? Do you believe that every good and perfect gift is from Him? Coveting is a form of idolatry; it is wanting something so badly that it

is all that we can think of. We end up putting this item or thing over God. Coveting makes us unhappy because we focus on what we *don't* have, instead of being thankful for what we *do* have. Let's look at [Hebrews 13:5](#).

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*

Sometimes, coveting will lead us to commit other sins. It may cause us to lie, cheat, steal, or even kill. Coveting makes us hate others!

Let's read a story from the Bible about a King who really wanted a vineyard that belonged to someone else. He wanted this vineyard so badly that it caused him to commit other sins. Let's all turn to [1 Kings 21](#).

(Illustrations were taken from [www.freebibleimages.org](http://www.freebibleimages.org))

### **Slide 1 (Intro)**

The Bible says that King Ahab, urged on by Jezebel his wife, behaved in the most wicked way by worshipping idols.

### **Slide 2**

*1 Some time later there was an incident involving a vineyard belonging to Naboth the Jezreelite. The vineyard was in Jezreel, close to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 Ahab said to Naboth, "Let me have your vineyard to use for a vegetable garden, since it is close to my palace. In exchange I will give you a better vineyard or, if you prefer, I will pay you whatever it is worth."*

*3 But Naboth replied, "The Lord forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my ancestors."*

### **Slide 3**

*4 So Ahab went home, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my ancestors." He lay on his bed sulking and refused to eat.*

### **Slide 4**

*5 His wife Jezebel came in and asked him, "Why are you so sullen? Why won't you eat?"*

*6 He answered her, "Because I said to Naboth the Jezreelite, 'Sell me your vineyard; or if you prefer, I will give you another vineyard in its place.' But he said, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'"*

*7 Jezebel his wife said, "Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I'll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."*

### **Slide 5**

*8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, placed his seal on them, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city with him. 9 In those letters she wrote:*

*"Proclaim a day of fasting and seat Naboth in a prominent place among the people. 10 But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them bring charges that he has cursed both God and the king. Then take him out and stone him to death."*

#### **Slide 6**

*11 So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth's city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people. 13 Then two scoundrels came and sat opposite him and brought charges against Naboth before the people, saying, "Naboth has cursed both God and the king."*

#### **Slide 7**

*So they took him outside the city and stoned him to death. 14 Then they sent word to Jezebel: "Naboth has been stoned to death."*

#### **Slide 8**

*15 As soon as Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab, "Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite that he refused to sell you. He is no longer alive, but dead."*

#### **Slide 9**

*16 When Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of Naboth's vineyard.*

#### **Slide 10**

*17 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: 18 "Go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who rules in Samaria. He is now in Naboth's vineyard, where he has gone to take possession of it. 19 Say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: Have you not murdered a man and seized his property?'*

#### **Slide 11**

*Then say to him, 'This is what the Lord says: In the place where dogs licked up Naboth's blood, dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!"'*

*20 Ahab said to Elijah, "So you have found me, my enemy!"*

*"I have found you," he answered, "because you have sold yourself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord. 21 He says, 'I am going to bring disaster on you. I will wipe out your descendants and cut off from Ahab every last male in Israel—slave or free.[a] 22 I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have aroused my anger and have caused Israel to sin.'*

## **Slide 12**

23 "And also concerning Jezebel the Lord says: 'Dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of[b] Jezreel.'

24 "Dogs will eat those belonging to Ahab who die in the city, and the birds will feed on those who die in the country."

25 (There was never anyone like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the Lord, urged on by Jezebel his wife. 26 He behaved in the vilest manner by going after idols, like the Amorites the Lord drove out before Israel.)

## **Slide 13**

27 When Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes, put on sackcloth and fasted. He lay in sackcloth and went around meekly.

## **Slide 14**

28 Then the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite: 29 "Have you noticed how Ahab has humbled himself before me? Because he has humbled himself, I will not bring this disaster in his day, but I will bring it on his house in the days of his son."

## *Closing Activity*

What can we learn from this story?

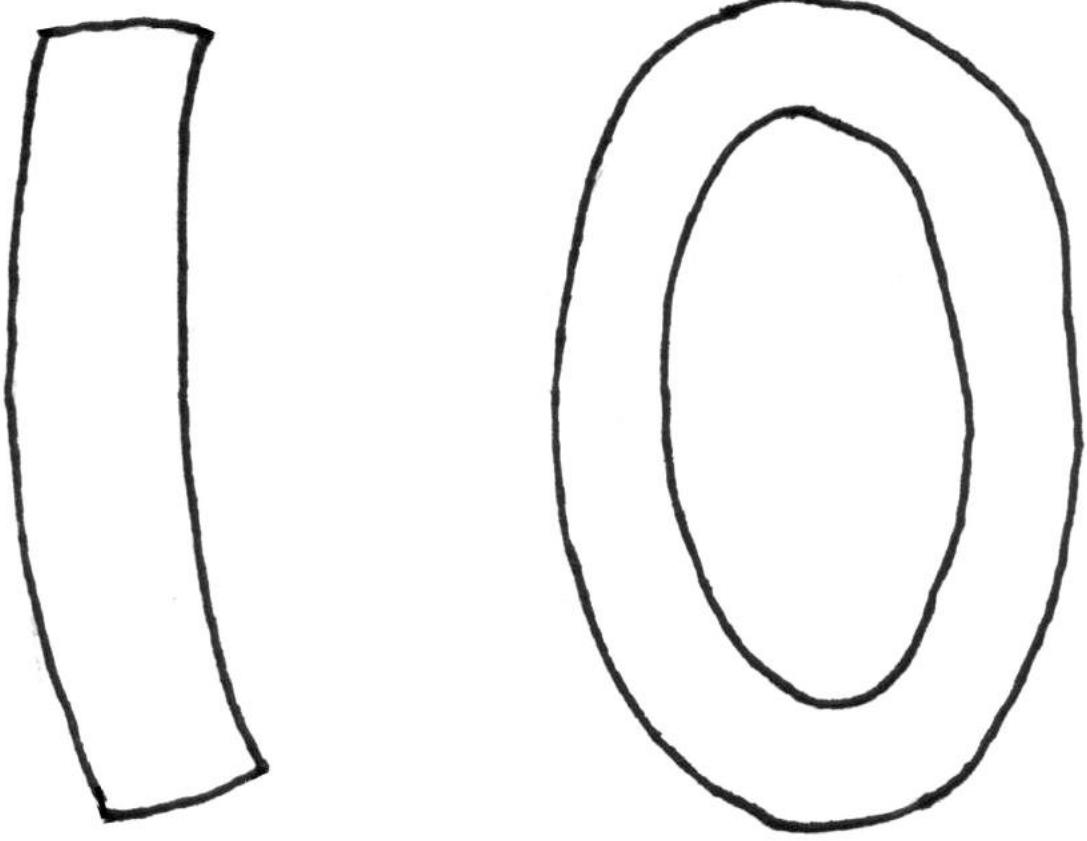
1. Trust that God will take care of all of our needs.
2. Remember Hebrews 13:5: ...God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.
3. Instead of thinking about what we don't have, rejoice in what we do have. Continually give thanks. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Fill out the worksheet below.

**10 Things to Be Thankful For List**

Dear God, Thank you for ...

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**Commandment 10:** \_\_\_\_\_

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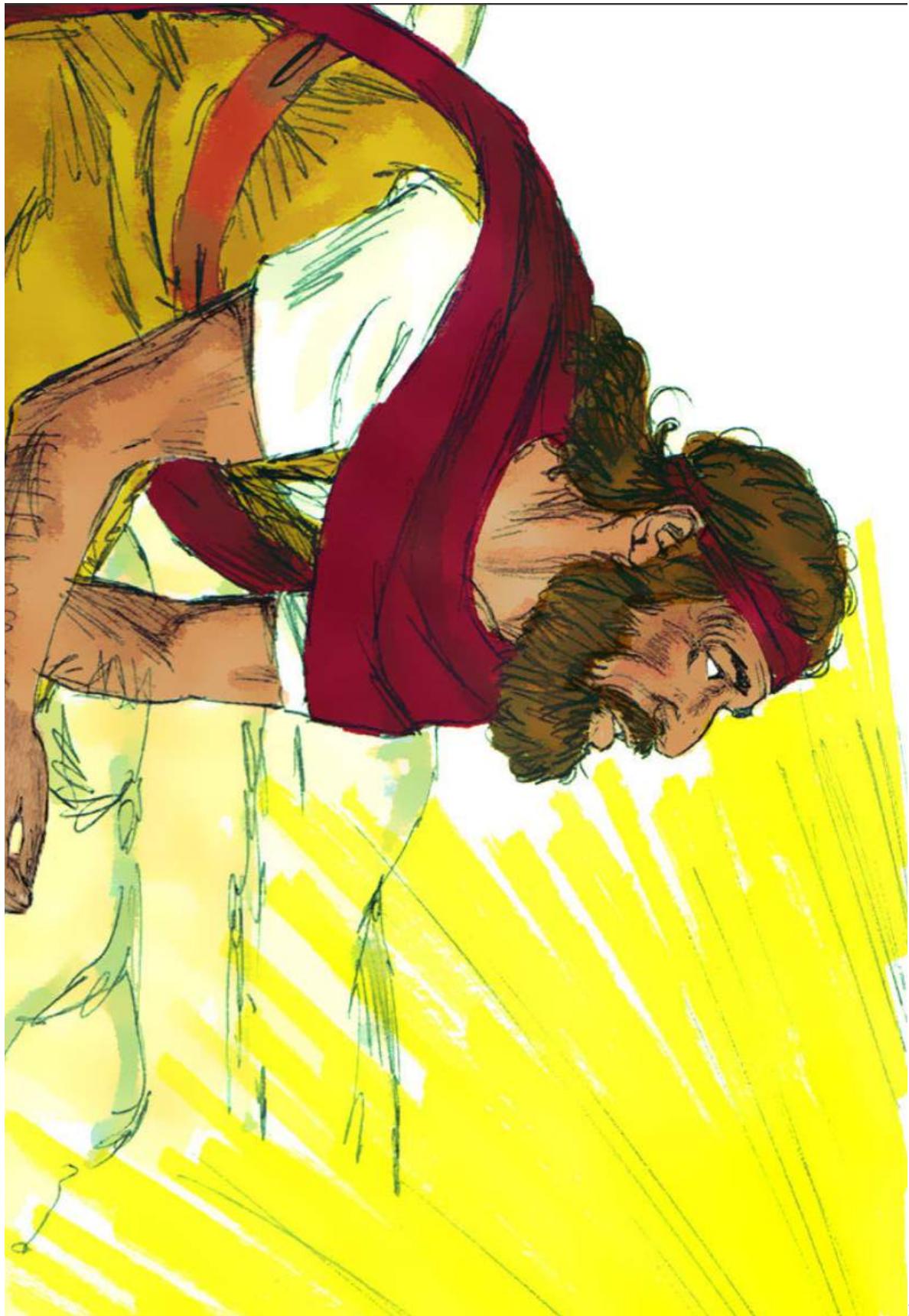
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