

Lesson 15

Respect Earthly Goods

Lesson Objectives

- Affirm the right of all people to own private possessions.
- Explore the seventh and tenth commandments.
- Realize our duty to be good stewards of all that God has given us.

Lesson Summary

God wants us to respect people and their earthly goods. In this lesson, we will see how we can be good stewards of what God has given us.

Lesson Plan

Introduction (Minutes 1-10)

- Pray the Opening Prayer together.
- Review the introduction.
- Show a video or song.

Review Point 1: Seventh and Tenth Commandments (Minutes 10-15)

- Ask the students:

Can you think of a time when you were envious or jealous of something someone else had? For example, an iPhone, a Switch, or a pair of shoes?

Review Point 2: Stealing and Cheating (Minutes 15-20)

- Is stealing ever okay?

Review Point 3: Respect for Property (Minutes 20-25)

- Do you share your possessions with others? Give some examples.

Activities: Choose 1 or 2. (Minutes 25-30)

Activity 1:

Interpret Saint Anthony's Code of Living

Answer key:

- Answers will vary.

Activity 2:

Act out the story of Jesus and Zacchaeus

Answer key:

- Answers will vary.

Prayer and Role Model (Minutes 30-35)

- Pray From the Maronite Tradition (Together)

Complete Recall Section (Minutes 35-40)

Match the words in Column A with the correct descriptions

in Column B.

Answer key:

A

(D.) 1. Anthony

(F.) 2. Covet

(G.) 3. Envy

(H.) 4. Greed

(B.) 5. Seventh Commandment

(E.) 6. Stewardship

(C.) 7. Tenth Commandment

(A.) 8. Zacchaeus

B

A. Tax collector who repented of cheating people

B. Describes the actions we are to have regarding possessions

C. Describes the attitudes we are to have regarding possessions

D. Saint who gave away all his possessions

E. Taking good care of the earth and what we have

F. Wanting something that belongs to someone else

G. Being jealous of what other people have

H. Wanting everything for ourselves

Review Weekly Journal (Minutes 40-44)

For Additional Reflection:

Thank someone for sharing their possessions with you.

Closing (Minutes 45)

- Pray the Concluding Prayer together.

Optional

- Use the Climbing Mountain Section and Reaching the Summit Section.