

Dear Families:

Today we concluded our study of the Ten Commandments. The first four tell us how we should live with God: Put God first, don't make anything else more important than God, don't use God's name improperly, and observe the Sabbath. The last six commandments tell how we should live with people: respect your parents, don't kill, keep your family together, don't steal, don't lie, and don't covet.

Just what is coveting exactly. If you covet, you want something that someone else has. Keep in mind- it's okay to want! That's how we are motivated to make good choices. But coveting is more than that. Coveting is wanting something so bad, that it makes us jealous. It occupies our thoughts day and night, instead of letting us think about God. It always starts in the heart; no one but God may know about your coveting. But that bad feeling can grow and cause us to do other sins, like lying or stealing. We may even hurt someone. We also hurt God when we covet. We are telling God that we don't trust Him to take care of us; that He isn't enough and that we aren't thankful for all that He HAS given us. What a great time of year to remember all the blessings that God has put in our lives. That way we can do the opposite of coveting: showing gratitude and contentment with what we have.

The holidays are quickly approaching! Next week, we will begin working on our sets and props for our Christmas Pageant! It will take place on Sunday December 14th during the worship service. We hope you will be able to join us for our special day! Next week is Christ the King Sunday- the last Sunday in the church year. That means we will need your help after church to deck the halls! We need the church to be ready when Advent begins on November 30!

Also, be on the look out for the return of our Advent challenges! The Sunday School students will offer a new stewardship challenge to the congregation each week throughout the Advent season. We are looking for ways you can support the kids in their ministry!

Thank you for being with us today!

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