PROTECT YOUR NEIGHBOR

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**Bible Lesson:
Genesis 14:11-24**

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We all have things that are important to us. Do you have a favorite toy, or a stuffed animal, or special pictures from friends or family? These treasures are gifts from God. Do your friends have prized possessions too? The Bible tells us to help our neighbors protect their things because we love our neighbors and want what is best for them.

Genesis tells a story of Abram and Lot, a man of God and his nephew. For a while, they shared their land. But they had so many animals that they needed to move apart to give the animals enough food. Abram let

CATECHISM

The Seventh Commandment
Thou shalt not steal.

What does this mean?
We should fear and love God so that we do not rob our neighbor of his money or property, nor bring them into our possession by unfair dealing or fraud, but help him to improve and protect his property and living.

Lot choose which land he wanted. Abram knew God would always provide no matter where he lived. Lot looked at the land and chose the Jordan Valley because it was better. Abram settled in Canaan.

One day, an enemy army attacked the city of Sodom where Lot lived. The army captured Lot and his neighbors. The army stole their valuable belongings. When Abram heard this, he wanted to help. He took 318 men and went to rescue Lot and the other people. God helped them win the battle. All the people were set free!

The king of Sodom thanked Abram and wanted to give him a reward. The king wanted to give all his property to Abram. But Abram had promised God he would not take anything, not even a thread or a sandal strap. Abram trusted God to take care of him, so he told the king, "You keep your money and property."

Abram did not rescue Lot to get a reward. Abram helped Lot because he loved Lot and wanted what was best for him. Abram helped Lot and his neighbors keep what belonged to them.

God wants us to show love for our friends and neighbors by helping them. God promises to take care of us just like He did Abram. God promises to give us what we need.

MEMORY VERSE

He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need. Ephesians 4:28

ENRICHMENT MEMORY VERSE

Galatians 6:10

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This is _____ reporting live from

_____.

   You are not going to believe what happened to the man of God called

_____ and his nephew _____. They had been sharing their

land, but decided to move apart because their _____ needed

more space. Abram let Lot choose the _____ he wanted, and Lot picked

the _____ land. One day an army attacked Sodom where Lot lived.

The _____ captured Lot and his neighbors and stole their valuable

belongings. Abram came with 318 men, and God helped Abram rescue them.

   The king of Sodom wanted to reward Abram by giving him all his

_____, which was a lot! I think most people would have taken

it. But do you think Abram did? No, he did not! Abram told the king, "You

keep your money and property." Abram had promised God he would not take

anything, not even a sandal strap.

   Abram trusted _____ to take care of him. Abram let Lot have

the _____ land. Then he helped protect that land too, all because

he _____ Lot and wanted what was best for him. Today

_____ showed us all his love for God and his love for his neighbors.

   Goodnight, friends! Signing off now, this is your trusted reporter,

_____.

Activity 2

WHY NOT STEAL?

Write the missing words for the meaning of the Seventh Commandment. Then fill in the missing letters in the word puzzle. One of the words is used twice.

We should _____ and _____ _____ so that we

do not _____ our _____ of his _____

or _____, nor bring them into our _____

by _____ dealing or _____, but help him to

_____ and _____ his _____

and _____.