The eighth commandment of the Ten Commandments says, “You shall not steal.” One great way to avoid stealing is to be grateful for what you have.

God doesn’t want us to steal. Stealing is when we take something that doesn’t belong to us. Everything that we have is from God, and that goes for everybody, so if we steal something from someone else, then we’re stealing something that God gave them. That’s a bad idea! God wants us to be grateful for what we have, and not worry so much about what other people have. When we’re grateful for what we have, that can lead us to do the opposite of steal, which is to give! Let’s all do our best to follow the eighth commandment!

Family Time Questions

• Why doesn’t God want us to steal?
• What’s the opposite of stealing?
• What are some awesome things that God has given you?
• What are some ways that we can avoid being tempted to steal?

Bible Verses

• Exodus 20:15 | The Eighth Commandment
• Ephesians 4:28 | Work Hard, Don’t Steal
• Luke 21:1-4 | The Poor Widow’s Example of Generosity
• Matthew 6:19-21 | Real Treasure
• Matthew 6:25-34 | Don’t Worry About Your Stuff

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for your goodness to me. Please help me to always be grateful and never steal what you have given to other people. In Jesus’ name, Amen.