

LESSON 5

Lesson Truth

If you take something that does not belong to you, someone will see you.

Additional Materials

Teacher: **Bible Books Compact Disc.**

Procedure

Turn to page 3. Use the words at the top of page 3 to review stanzas 1 and 2, and teach stanza 3 of the Old Testament books of the Bible song.

Turn to page 4. Locate the items that I describe.

1. Alonzo had a neat “Dogie-Raser” pencil. It was bright red, and the eraser part of the pencil was shaped like a little dog head. Alonzo liked to put the “Dogie-Raser” pencil in his pocket with just the dog head sticking out. As he walked along, Alonzo would make barking sounds as if the “Dogie-Raser” pencil was barking in his pocket. Use your crayons to color Alonzo’s “Dogie-Raser” pencil. One day someone took Alonzo’s “Dogie-Raser” pencil off of his desk while he was out at recess. Alonzo never found his “Dogie-Raser” pencil again.

2. Anita received a stuffed green “Fluffasorus” for her birthday. It was the softest, most cuddly, stuffed animal she had ever had. It was small enough to fit inside her lunch box and bring to school. Color Anita’s “Fluffasorus.” One day while Anita was getting milk at the lunch counter, someone took her “Fluffasorus.” Anita never saw it again.

3. Ling had a Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball that his uncle sent him from Hong Kong. The ball was red, yellow, and green. When you bounced the ball on the floor, you never knew who it would bounce back to. Everyone laughed very hard when Ling bounced the Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball in the school hallway. Color Ling’s Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball. One day Ling’s Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball disappeared out of his book bag. Ling never saw his Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball again.

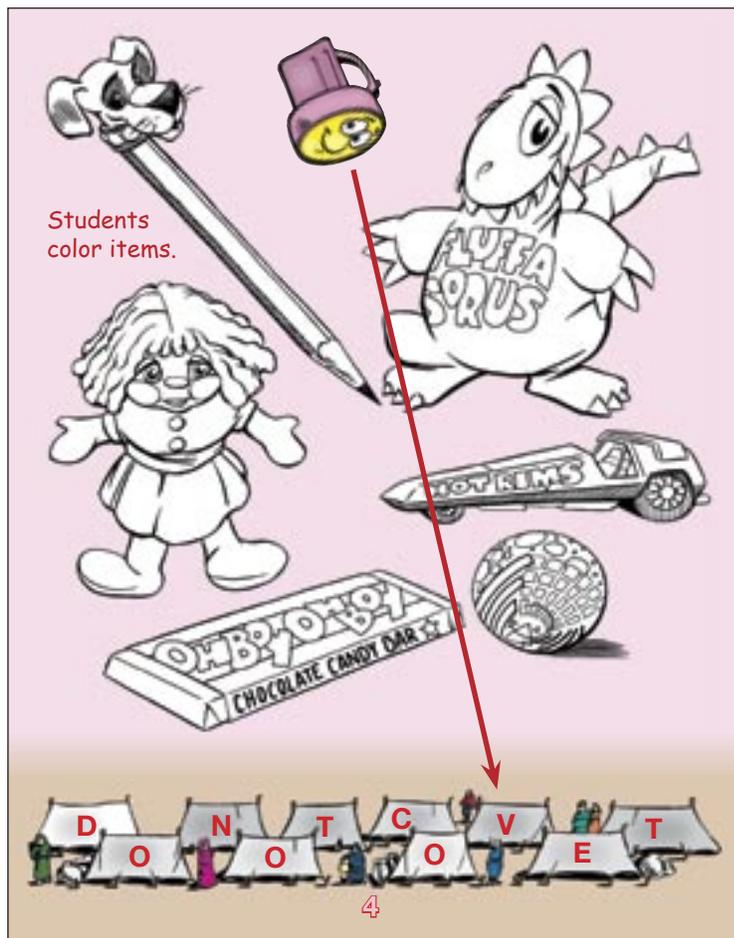
4. Maria brought her Baby-Smiles-Allot doll to school to show her friends. Baby-Smiles-Allot runs on batteries, so when you pull on Baby-Smiles-Allot’s arms, she changes her cry into a smile. Color Maria’s Baby-Smiles-Allot doll. While riding home on the school bus one day, someone took Maria’s Baby-Smiles-Allot doll off the seat. Maria never saw her doll again.

5. Brad brought his favorite “Hot Rims” sports car to Show And Tell. This car was the special “Hot Rims Roadster,” and

Brad had been saving his money for a long time to buy the car. Color the “Hot Rims Roadster.” The “Hot Rims Roadster” was just small enough to fit into a shirt pocket, and while Brad wasn’t looking, someone slipped it in *their* shirt pocket. Brad never saw his “Hot Rims Roadster” again.

6. A girl at school named Candy really loved candy! Her favorite candy was the “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar. Candy always brought an “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar to school and she would eat it on the long walk home each afternoon. Color Candy’s “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar. One day Candy got out her “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar and put it on her desk as all of the children were packing their books and getting ready to go home. After Candy packed her books, she noticed that her “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar was missing from her desk. Candy never knew who took her “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar.

Everyone put your crayons down, close your workbooks, and look straight at me. If you had been the one who took Alonzo’s “Dogie-Raser pencil,” or if you took Anita’s “Fluffasorus,” or Ling’s Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball, or Maria’s Baby-Smiles-Allot doll, or Brad’s “Hot Rims Roadster,” or Candy’s “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar...if you had been the person who took any of these things, I would have some bad news for you. **Someone saw you take it.** In the next Bible class you will discover who saw the kids who stole the “Dogie-Raser” pencil, the “Fluffasorus,” the Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball, the Baby-Smiles-Allot doll, the “Hot Rims Roadster,” and the “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” bar. Someone, for sure, saw who took those things.



LESSON 6

Lesson Truth

If you take something that does not belong to you, God sees you.

Additional Materials

Teacher: **Bible Books Compact Disc.**

Procedure

Turn to page 3. Use the words at the top of page 3 to review stanzas 1, 2, and 3, and teach stanza 4 of the Old Testament books of the Bible song.

Turn to page 4. In the last Bible lesson, someone stole a “Dogie-Raser” pencil, a “Fluffasorus,” a Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball, a Baby-Smiles-Allot doll, a “Hot Rims Roadster,” and an “Oh Boy Oh Boy!” chocolate candy bar. In a few minutes you are going to find out who saw the thief who took those things. First, listen to this Bible story about a man named Achan.

“After the last trumpet blast, all of the people will shout, and the walls will fall down,” Joshua said to his men as they prepared to go to Jericho. “When that happens, rush into the city and capture it. But remember 2 important things. First, do not

hurt Rahab, the woman living in the room with the red rope tied on the window. Second, do not take any of the treasures of Jericho, because they belong to the Lord and will be put in the Lord's treasury by the priests. Now go and conquer Jericho in the name of the Lord!"

After the priests marched around Jericho blowing their trumpets, the people shouted. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho crumbled to the ground with a terrible crash. The soldiers quickly rushed in and captured the city. Achan and several other soldiers soon located the treasure room.

"Look at all of this silver and gold," a soldier said in amazement.

"All of this goes to the Lord's treasury!" another said with a happy grin.

But Achan thought to himself, "There is so much silver and gold here that no one would miss any if I took a little for myself."

Just as he thought that, a little voice in his head said, "It belongs to the Lord."

"Yes, but there is so much here that not even the Lord would miss it if I took a little," he thought. "Besides, some of the other soldiers will probably take things home with them also."

Class, when I point to you, you be the voice inside Achan's head, and say out loud, "It belongs to the Lord."

With that thought, Achan slipped some silver under his robe. Point to the class. A little later in the day, Achan saw a shiny wedge of gold and slipped that under his robe also. Point. And just before he left Jericho he saw a valuable robe.

"It is a shame to leave such a beautiful robe," he thought to himself. Point. "I believe I will take this home also." Point.

So Achan returned to his tent in the Israelite camp with some silver, a wedge of gold, and a beautiful robe.

Did Achan think that anyone saw him take the robe, the silver, and the gold? No. Listen to who saw Achan take the robe, the silver, and the gold. Read Joshua 7:10-11. Who was it that saw Achan take the forbidden things? God. Listen to the rest of the story about Achan.

When Achan returned to his tent, all of the neighbors came out to greet him and to say how proud they were that he was one Israel's brave soldiers. After telling all of the neighbors how the walls at Jericho fell flat, Achan went inside the tent with his wife.

"Come over here and look at what I have," Achan whispered to his wife as he took the silver and gold from beneath his own robe. Point.

"Oh, that is beautiful," Achan's

wife said as she picked up the pieces of silver and the wedge of gold. Point.

"And take a look at this," Achan said as he unwrapped the robe and held it up. Point.

"Oh, it is beautiful, Achan. I can't wait to show it to the neighbors," she said as she started out the tent door.

"No, no, wait," Achan said grabbing hold of his wife's arm. "I really was not suppose to bring all this stuff home. It was suppose to go to the Lord's treasury, but nobody will miss the little bit that I took." Point.

"The Lord's treasury?" his wife said with a surprised look. "What will happen if Joshua finds out that you took these things from the Lord's treasury?"

"No one will ever know, if we don't tell them," Achan said with a half-smile, "so don't tell the neighbors. This will be our little secret." Point.

Achan decided, just to be on the safe side, that he would bury the items in the ground beneath his tent.

"They will be safe here," he thought as he and his wife dug the hole to put them in. But Achan could still hear that voice in his head saying... Point.

A few days later, Achan heard some disturbing news. Joshua and the elders were looking for one of the soldiers who had taken from Jericho some of the things that belonged to the Lord's treasury. After hearing that, the voice in Achan's head seemed to become even louder, saying... Point.

Look at the bottom of workbook page 4. There were thousands of tents in Israel...how would Joshua locate the person who took the forbidden things? Discuss. Have you ever shined a flash light in the dark at something far away? The beam of the flash light makes a round spot of light right on the object that you want to see. Look at "Hi-Lite" at the top of page 4. Hi-Lite is a special Bible facts flash light that will teach you important things throughout the year. Use a yellow crayon to draw a line connecting Hi Lite's high beam at the top of page 4 to the tent that has the letter "V" on it at the bottom of the page. Joshua might have a difficult time knowing who took the forbidden things, but God knew exactly where they were. Just like the high beam that you drew from Hi-Lite to the tent, God's eye knew exactly where the stolen things were, and God knew the very person who had stolen them.

So when someone stole the "Dogie-Raser" pencil, the "Fluffasorus," the Super-Duper-Bopper-Ball, the Baby-Smiles-Allot doll, the "Hot Rims Roadster," and the "Oh Boy Oh Boy!" chocolate candy bar, someone saw them do it. Who saw

who stole those things? God. Read the Lesson Truth.

What should you do when you are tempted to steal? Look at the bottom of page 4. Can you read the message that is written on the tents? Do not covet. Did you know that "Do not covet" is commandment number 10 of the 10 Commandments? Do you know what the word "covet" means? "Do not covet" means that you should not allow yourself to want something that does not belong to you. If you do not allow yourself to want something that is not yours, then you will not take something that is not yours. "Do not covet" is a way of making sure that you "do not steal."

LESSON 7

Lesson Truth

Wait for God to give you the things you want.

Additional Materials

Teacher: Bible Books Compact Disc.

Procedure

Turn to page 3. Use the words on page 3 to review stanzas 1 through 4, and teach stanza 5 of the Old Testament books of the Bible song. Listen to the rest of the story about Achan, the Israelite soldier who took the silver and gold from Jericho.

Achan was sure that no one would ever find out that he had stolen the silver, gold, and robe from Jericho. But soon after that, the Israelite soldiers went to capture the city of Ai, as God had ordered them to do. But when they attacked the city of Ai, the soldiers of Ai killed many of the Israelite soldiers and chased them away.

When Joshua heard about the defeat, he prayed, "Lord, you told us to go and capture the city of Ai, but when we did, you let the soldiers of Ai kill our soldiers and defeat us. Why did you tell us to go capture the city of Ai if you knew we were going to lose the battle?"

"One of your soldiers has stolen from me," the Lord replied. You cannot have my blessing on your army when your men are stealing from my treasury. Find this man immediately!"

Joshua and the elders began searching for the one who had stolen from the Lord. With the Lord's help they located the stolen things in Achan's tent.

"I am sorry," Achan said when Joshua and the elders arrived at his tent. "I saw those things, coveted them, and took them. I thought no one would know...."

But the Lord knew, and now everyone else in Israel knew.

Turn to page 5. After Joshua