

YOUR CHILD LEARNED >>>

This chapter examines generosity and humility and discusses theft, greed, and envy in relationship to the Seventh and Tenth Commandments, deepening the understanding that the Earth's good are meant for all.

Scripture



Read **Luke 6:38** to find out about the importance of generosity.

Catholics Believe

- The Commandments call you to be generous and to have the right attitude toward possessions.
- Stewardship is the way we appreciate and use God's gifts, including our time, talent, and treasure, and the resources of creation.

To learn more, go to the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* #299, 2402–2405 at usccb.org.

People of Faith

This week, your child learned about Saint Margaret of Scotland, who used her wealth to benefit the Scottish people.

CHILDREN AT THIS AGE >>>

How They Understand Being Generous Because they are still concrete thinkers, children at this age can be very materialistic. However, they also love opportunities to give to others. Giving them practical ways to be generous helps them feel a sense of purpose and can be an important foundation for pursuing their God-given vocation as they grow.



CONSIDER THIS >>>

Do you think your family has too much stuff?

Most desires such as for food, shelter, and loving relationships are good and natural. But when we focus too much on material things, we can become selfish and even greedy. As Catholics, we know that “the Tenth Commandment calls us to practice poverty of spirit and generosity of heart. These virtues liberate us from being slaves to money and possessions. They enable us to have a preferential love for the poor and to be witnesses of justice and peace in the world” (*USCCA pp. 449–450*).

LET'S TALK >>>

- Ask your child to explain what envy, being poor in spirit, and humility have to do with the Seventh and Tenth Commandments.
- Talk about ways your family might change its attitude toward possessions and be even more generous with one another.

LET'S PRAY >>>



Saint Margaret, pray for us that we may always be generous with everything we have. Amen.



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