



"Mine, Mine, Mine"  
#10 – 10 Commandment Series

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**PUPPETS**

1. Ripley
2. Seagulls (2)
3. Sandwich
4. Mom
5. Rusty
6. Dad
7. Baby Boy
8. Baby Girl

**PROPS**

1. Full Stage
2. Backdrop

**SOUND**

1. Ripples Theme
2. Commandment 10 song – “Never Covet”
3. Greed – Part I, II, III

## ACT I

**Music:** "Ripples Theme"

**Ripley** - Good morning kids. I didn't hear you! Good morning kids! Does anyone remember which commandment we are doing today? That's right, it's commandment number 10 - "thou shalt not covet."

**Music** - 10 commandment song

**Ripley** - Just because it's the last of the commandments doesn't mean that it is the least important. In fact, since it is the last of the commandments, it must be one that the Lord wants us to remember.

Does anyone know what it means to covet? It means that we want something that does not belong to us. But we don't want it in a good way. We want it because we are selfish and unsatisfied with what God has given us.

God wants us to be happy. But the first part of being happy is being satisfied with what you have been blessed with. Then we can be happy for someone who is blessed in other ways.

When we covet the blessings of others we become dissatisfied and ultimately that leads to unhappiness and bad things.

Let's see what happens when one of the Ripples Kids fall into the sin of covetousness.

Did someone hear a bird?

**Sound** - Seagulls

**Music** - Greed part I

**Bird One** - Mine!

**Bird Two** - Mine!

**Sandwich** - (Creeps up and starts to shake.)

**Bird One** - (moves a little closer) Mine!

**Bird Two** - (Moves in a little closer from the other side.) Mine!

**Sandwich** - (looks at both then gets an idea) Yeah, his! (looks at Bird One)

**Bird Two** - Huh?

**Bird One** - Mine!

**Sandwich** - (looks at other bird) Yeah, his!

**Bird One** - Huh?

**Direction** - Both birds look at one another and then begin to creep closer and closer. When they get to the middle they start fighting and the sandwich sneaks away. - Both birds then notice that the sandwich is gone and fly away. Sandwich comes back up and snickers.

**Sandwich** - Hehehe...

**Music** - Song about greed

**Mom** - (praying at dinner) Dear Lord, thank you for the many blessings you have given this family. We are undeserving and forever in your merciful debt. Amen

**Tala** - What have we got to be thankful for anyway? We are the poorest family in my class?

**Mom** - Tala! I can't believe that I hear that coming from your mouth. Do you know how hard your father works to provide this home and this food for the family? You should be kissing his feet when he comes home tired and wrung out from a hard day's work. He did it for us.

You are more blessed than you realize. Many families have nothing, live in homes with dirt floors or worse. I can imagine that they would think that we are rich.

**Tala** - But we're not are we? You know Rusty? Her dad just bought her a brand new bike. It is the most beautiful thing I have ever seen. If daddy really loved me, he would get one for me.

**Mom** - Who are you and what have you done with the little girl I love? I can't believe you're saying that. Your father works so hard. You should appreciate him more.

**Tala** - That's easy for you to say. You don't care! I mean, what do you know anyway.

**Mom** - Tala, the bible says we are not to covet the things of others. Coveting is a sin.

**Tala** - I'll tell you what the sin is - NOT having the coolest bike in school is the sin! (Tala storms off)

**Mom** - Lord, I think you have your work cut out for you here.

## **ACT II**

**Music** – Greed Part II

**Scene** - The sandwich is in the middle of the two babies and both are looking at it.

**Baby Boy** - Mine!

**Baby Girl** - Mine!

**Sandwich** - (Looks back and forth in terror.)

**Baby Boy** - Mine!

**Baby Girl** - Mine!

**Sandwich** - (Looks at baby boy) - Yeah... His!

**Baby Girl** - Huh?

**Baby Boy** - Hehehe... Mine!

**Sandwich** - (Looks back at girl.) On second thought... Hers!

**Baby Boy** - Huh?

**Baby Girl** - Hehehe... Mine!

**Scene** - Baby Boy attacks Baby Girl and then sandwich sneaks away. Babies look around, notice that sandwich is gone and then leave sadly.

**Sandwich** - (Sneaks back up.) Hehehe (snickering.)

**Scene** - Sandwich leaves and then Tala and black Melanie come up. Melanie is crying.

**Tala** - Why are you crying?

**Melanie** - Cause my feet hurt.

**Tala** - But where are your shoes?

**Melanie** - I don't have any. I outgrew mine and my parents can't afford to buy me new ones. The blisters on my feet hurt very badly.

**Tala** - But why do you have blisters on your feet?

**Melanie** – I got them from walking to school.

**Tala** - But why do you have to walk?

**Melanie** - Well, the bus doesn't come any more and we don't have a car so I have to walk.

**Tala** - You must hate your parents for making you walk to school and not buying you shoes and stuff.

**Melanie** - Oh no! My mom and dad are wonderful. They work so very hard and God has given us food and a roof over our head and I get to go to school.

**Tala** - But aren't you mad at God then?

**Melanie** - No, of course not. God has given us many blessings. There are many that live in the country that we came from that would be happy for half of what we have.

And why do you ask that anyway? You are obviously a rich girl.

**Tala** - I didn't think so... At least until right now.

What's your name?

**Melanie** - Melanie.

**Tala** - I want to give you my bike, Melanie.

**Melanie** - Why would you do something like that? It is the most wonderful bike in the whole world. Why would you want to give it to me?

**Tala** - Because God just told me to. He reminded of my many blessings.

**Melanie** - Oh I can't wait to show my mom! Isn't God wonderful?

**Tala** - Yes He is.

## **ACT III**

**Music** - Greed - part III

**Mom** - I just don't know what has gotten into Tala lately. All she cares about is what other people have. She has become so materialistic. It's not like her to be like that.

**Dad** - Just be patient. I am sure that she will come around.. Remember the scripture teaches that if we raise a child in the way of the Lord, when they are old they will not depart from it.

**Mom** - That's what I am afraid of. It's the "when they are OLD" part that worries me.

**Dad** - We just have to trust that God will do His good work in her.

**Mom** - I guess you are right.

**Dad** - (Looks over at Tala - coming in.) Or perhaps not.

Tala! Why are you so late and where is your bicycle? If you think that by dumping your bike that we are going to get you a new one, then you got another think coming young lady!

**Tala** - No Dad, it's not like that. On the way home I met a girl who didn't have shoes. Her feet were blistered from walking to school and her parents didn't even have the money to buy her new ones. So I gave her my bike.

**Mom** - Who are you and what have you done with my child?

**Tala** - Aww Mom!

**Dad** - You did a good thing sweetheart. I am very proud of you.

**Tala** - I just did what God would have wanted me to do... And Dad?

**Dad** - Yes Tala?

**Tala** - Thanks... Thanks for everything you do.

**Scene** - Tala and mom walk away.

**Dad** - Man, I'm getting kinda hungry.

**Scene** - Sandwich creeps up. Dad looks at sandwich.

**Dad** - Mine!

**Sandwich** - (Looks around) Uh Oh!

**Dad** - (Pounces on sandwich. Both go down and then dad slowly comes back up and wipes his chin.) Hehehe ... Burp!

## FINAL ACT

### **Music - God's Blessings**

**Ripley** - When God tells us not to covet, He is keeping us from other sins as well. The bible is full of examples for us of people who have coveted something and then ended up deeper in sin. Cain coveted his brother's blessing and then committed murder. King David coveted the beauty of Bathsheba and committed adultery.

When we covet the things and blessings of others, we turn our back on our heavenly father and the things and blessings He has given us.

We must constantly remember the blessings that God has given us and be thankful for them.

So Never covet... Be above it...

And remember, your life sends out what kids? That's right, ripples!

### **Music - Ripples Theme**

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