

Ages 11-14: Tees on Parade

Materials Needed
copies of *Tees on Parade*,
markers or colored pencils

Prepare in Advance
Print *Tees on Parade* pages
for each student.

New Church Concept Teacher Background

'You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male slave nor his female slave, nor his ox nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's' means that one must be on one's guard against self-love and love of the world, and so one must take care to prevent the evils contained in the preceding commandments from becoming present in the will and consequently going out of it. This is clear from the meaning of 'coveting' as a wanting that springs from an evil love. The reason why 'coveting' has this meaning is that all covetousness or craving exists as the result of some kind of love. For nothing is coveted unless there is a love of it, and therefore covetousness extends as a continuation from some kind of love, in this instance from self-love and love of the world. See *Arcana Coelestia* 8910

Images and slogans are great ways to encapsulate big ideas. This activity invites students to transform the ninth commandment, "You shall not covet", into a short slogan and/or a picture to decorate a T-shirt.

1. Advertisers use catchy slogans and fun images to impact our thinking. This is because short statements that are to the point captivate our interest easily and better than long complicated explanations. Such statements are a sometimes referred to as a "call to action".
2. Invite students to brainstorm impactful slogans for the ninth commandment, "You shall not covet". For example, "Curb coveting".
3. Now consider what behaviors the Lord wants us to do instead of coveting. Flip statements to encourage positive behaviors people can do instead of coveting. For example, "Be Thankful".
4. Hand out copies of *Tees on Parade* T-Shirts 1 and 2, pens or pencils. Invite students to design one or more T-shirts that express a call to action about coveting. They can choose whether to frame their slogan as a "you shall not" statement or to transform it into a positive action the Lord wants us to do. Choose compelling language to encourage people to want to obey this commandment.
5. Decorate and illustrate a T-shirt with your chosen slogan.
6. Share your T-shirts with the group and explain your choices.
7. *Optional:* Showcase student's ideas by displaying the T-shirts taped or clipped to a piece of string, like a clothesline.



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It is so to speak the life of what those loves breathe, for what an evil kind of love breathes is called covetousness or craving, whereas what a good kind breathes is called desire. The love itself belongs to one of two parts of the mind, which is called the will; for what a person loves, that they will and intend. but covetousness belongs to both parts, to both the will and the understanding, that is, it is an attribute of the will within the understanding. See *Arcana Coelestia* 8910



