



**November 6th, 2011**

**Scoundrels 4**

**I. Synopsis** *(a summary of the lesson from this week)*

It's a day off for Honest John and Rusty. They are doing some cleaning at the office and preparing for a jail sale. Bucky Bandito is a notorious criminal and slips into town in disguise and cases the bank. When he realizes the sheriff is distracted with his jail sale, he takes the opportunity to rob the bank. Of course John catches him and throws him in jail!

**II. Hook:** *(a fun, interactive activity that helps connect to a spiritual conversation)*

Play a game of 'Steal the Bacon.' Two or more players at the same time try to grab a beanbag or other small, similar object, and get back to a predetermined safe spot. Once one person grabs the object, the other tries to tag him or her. If you make it back to base, you get a point; but if you get tagged, the other person gets the point.

**III. Book** *(a review of the Bible verse and Bible phrase taught this week)*

Have your child lookup and read Ephesians 4:28, or read it yourself: "If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work..."

Then read the phrase for this week: "God provides the real deal, so you never have to steal."

**IV. Look** *(a series of questions to talk about with your child)*

First, ask your child what he or she remembers from the story that they watched on Sunday. You can remind them that while Honest John and Rusty were taking some time off, Bucky Bandito sneaked into town and thought he had the perfect opportunity to rob

the bank. However he gets caught and thrown in jail, where he confesses that he made several bad choices as a kid that led him to steal more and more.

Next, discuss the following questions:

- What does it mean to steal? Can you remember a time when you took something that didn't belong to you or were tempted to do so?
- What happens to people when they steal?
- Would it be wrong to steal even if you needed something really badly?
- Rather than stealing, what are some ways we could get something that we wanted or needed?
- How does stealing show that we don't really trust God?

### **V. Took** *(what you want your child to remember from this story)*

1. Stealing is taking anything that doesn't belong to us.
2. There is never a good reason to steal, no matter what the circumstances.
3. When we need something, we can trust God to provide what we need, work for the money, or ask others for help.

Talk to your child about honesty and how important it is in being part of a family. Discuss some situations where your child might be tempted to steal and why it is better to find another way of getting the things that we want. Talk about how God will always provide for us, even when we don't understand how that will work out.

### **VI. The Next Step** *(what your child can do to get a deeper understanding of these concepts)*

Help your child complete the question on the Take Home Card and work on memorizing the week's verse and phrase. If your child can recite them to his or her teacher the following week, he or she will earn an extra point for his or her team!

### **VII. Close with Prayer**