



# Needs and Wants

The tenth commandment reminds us not to be greedy.  
To be greedy is to want many things we do not need.

Sometimes we take what we have for granted. Below is a list of things some people have. For each one, decide if the item is needed, or if it is something people would like to have. Put a check in the column that matches. Also check the things that you have.

Things	Everyone Needs	I Have	Many People Want
food			
own TV set			
clothing for school			
bicycle			
computer games			
movie money			
vacations			
lunch money			
toys			
home			
Total			

- Where are the most checks? \_\_\_\_\_
- Are there more checks in your column than in each of the others? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, you have more things than you need.
- Which thing(s) would be the easiest to give up? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- What would be the hardest to give up? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Parents and Catechists:** Everyone needs the basics of food, clothing and shelter. This exercise could lead to a discussion about choices in the areas of want. It is okay to want things for pleasure and comfort. The problem arises when we want too much, especially when others are in need of the basics. It may be helpful to find out which item(s) your child is most attached to and why.