

## PreKeysis Schedule

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### *Faith Fact: The Octave of Easter*

The eighth days following Easter Sunday and the eighth day after Easter: new members wore white all week, eighth day was significant in Jewish custom, circumcision occurred on the eighth day.

### The Seventh Commandment: Thou shalt not steal

- Ex 20:15
- Everything is God's creation and belongs to him
- He lets us use his creation, but not abuse it
- The seventh command tells us to fulfill responsibly the command God the Creator gave to each of us individually and to all of his family:  
**Gen 1:28 (wrong to abuse animals)**

Stewardship: managing of and caring for the property of another person

- Concern for the future: Stealing from future generations
  - Over consumption of resources
  - Pollution
- Concern for the poor: share our blessings
  - Out to make lots of money and not share it to feed the poor
- Concern for the common good: reaching out to people in need all over the world
- Concern for public life
  - Failure to vote, to contribute time to public service, to speak up for the oppressed.

What can we do to be good stewards?

Examples of stealing:

1. not paying employees a fair wage
2. deliberate withholding of a lost item (finder's keepers)
3. damaging someone else's property
4. cheating on a test
5. plagiarizing
6. discrimination in employment because of race or gender
7. wasting time at work

8. increasing the profits and power of a few individuals at the expense of others and the whole human community

Any stealing demands **reparation:**

If we steal something we must return it!

If we damage stolen goods, we must offer to repair the goods

If we lose it, we must replace it