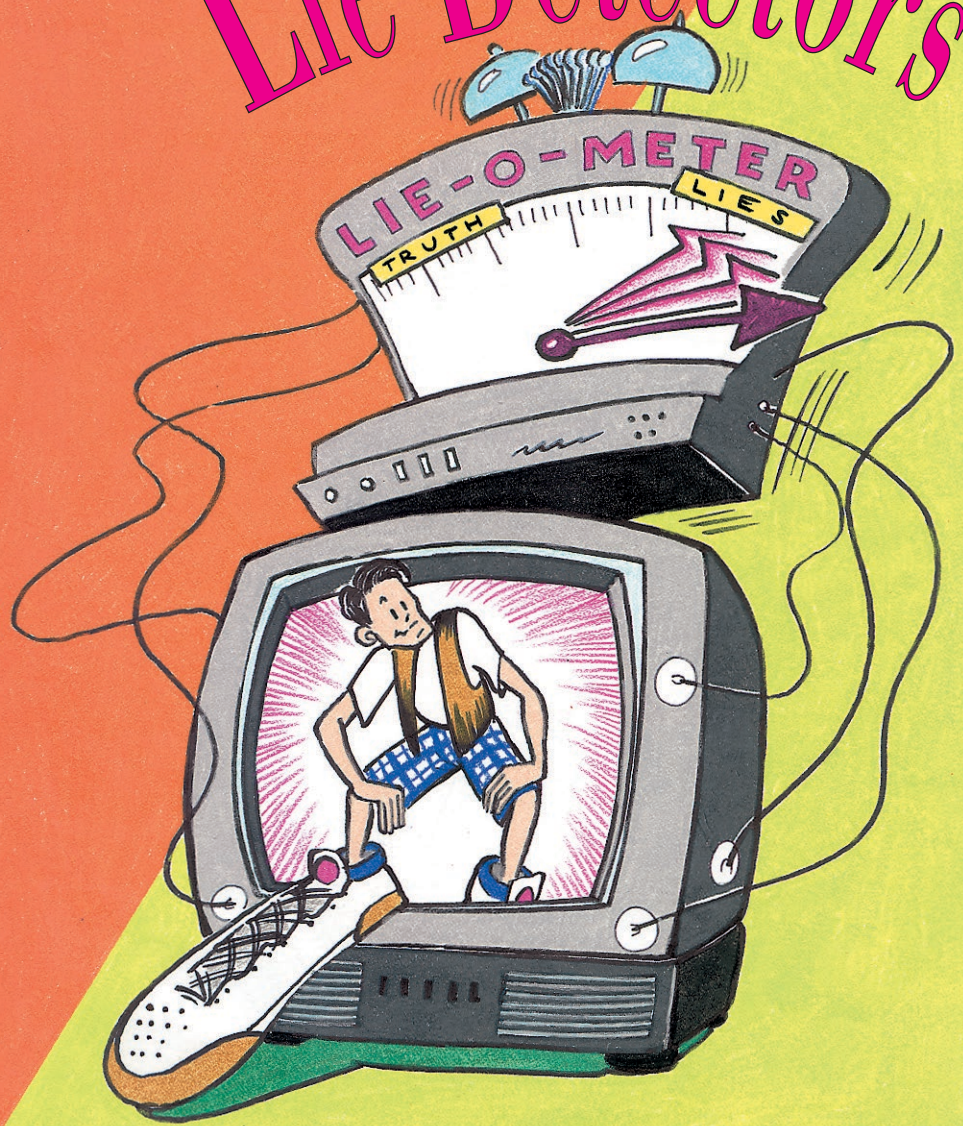


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Lie Detectors



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A father once heard his kids yelling "liar!" and "stupid!" from the next room. Calling people names was against house rules, so he stormed into the living room, ready to deal out punishment. But the kids weren't shouting at each other; they were yelling at TV commercials! There's nothing wrong with a good pair of gym shoes, but when commercials tell us that material things, not God, give our life meaning, they've got the wrong idea. Look out for advertisements that persuade you to spend large chunks of money and time on things you don't need.

Advertisement #1

Do you tune people out by walking around with portable headphones on your ears? Do you wish you could do more than just cut yourself off from the SOUNDS of the world? Do you wish you could cut yourself off from the SIGHTS of the world as well?

You can! with the world's first portable entertainment system. Now you *can* take it with you! You can take your TV, movies and music! The perfect way to build upper-body strength and avoid people at the same time.

Hookup not included in the low, low price of \$4,499.99.

Our slogan: "HUH? WHAT!? I CAN'T HEAR YOU!!!"



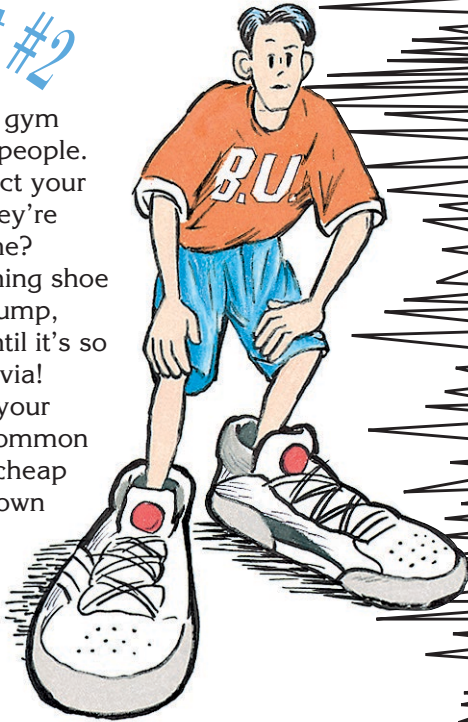
Advertisement #2

When you spend \$100 on gym shoes, you want to impress people. Right? But how do you expect your shoes to be noticed when they're down by your feet all the time?

Worry no longer. Our running shoe is equipped with a special pump, which enlarges your shoe until it's so big, you can see it from Bolivia!

Our shoe elevates you to your proper place—high above common people who walk around in cheap shoes. So go ahead! Look down on people! You deserve it.

“Buy now. Big shoes for big egos.”



Advertisement #3

In science class, you learned eye color was determined by the genes in your DNA.

Well, if you're sick of how you look, you can change your appearance with a pair of clone jeans. The jeans that change your genes!

Calvin Clone jeans automatically alter the genetic makeup of your body. Within two days, you'll look exactly like the a magnificent fashion designer.

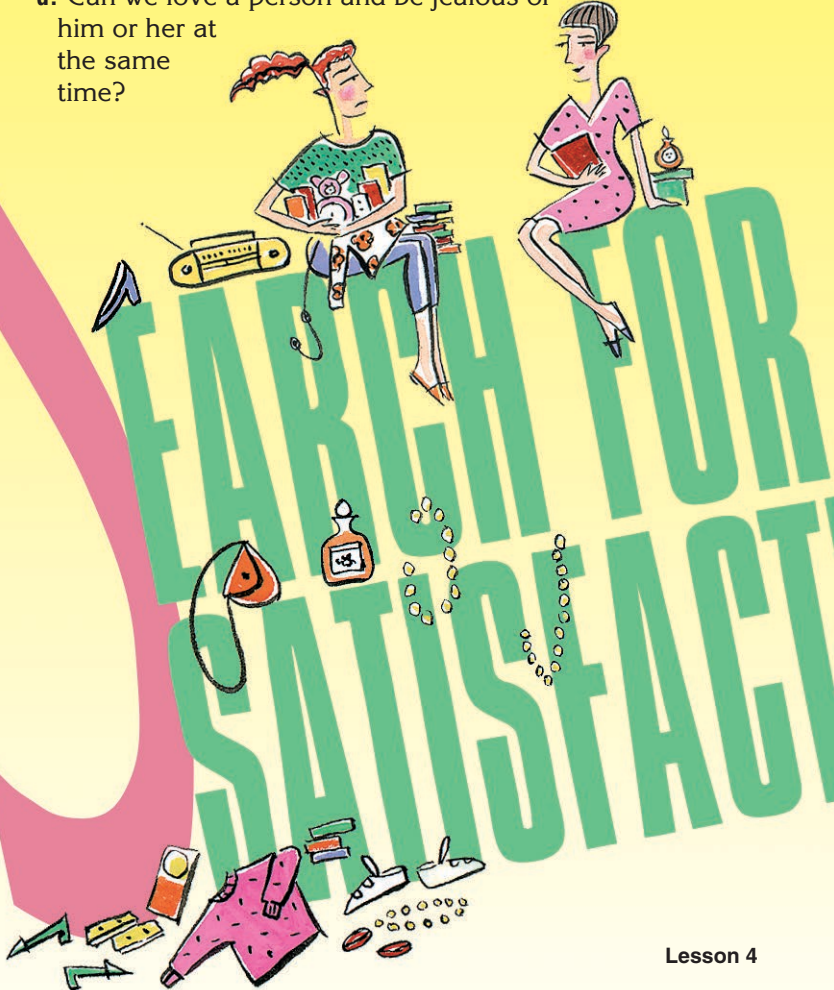


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There are a lot of dissatisfied people in the world. They always want more—more money, more clothes, more things. These people just can't stand to see another person with more than they have. And they'll do almost anything to catch up.

1. Think about that type of person. Then answer these questions:

- Why do people feel dissatisfied with what they have?
- Why are people jealous of other people?
- How does jealousy affect relationships between people?
- Can we love a person and be jealous of him or her at the same time?



2. Now read **Matthew 6:19-34**. Answer the same questions from these verses, changing any answers you want to change.

3. Does Jesus think material things are bad? What does He promise us concerning these things?

4. Keeping in mind what you've learned so far, why are God's instructions in **Exodus 20:15, 17** important for good relationships with God and other people?

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:15, 17

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁷"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Matthew 6:19-34

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²²"The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. ²³But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

²⁴"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. ²⁹Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

³²For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.



Advertisement #4

Now you're paying for power.

The game that never ends because you never want to stop. The game that offers a never-ending supply of new features and accessories, all designed to take your money.

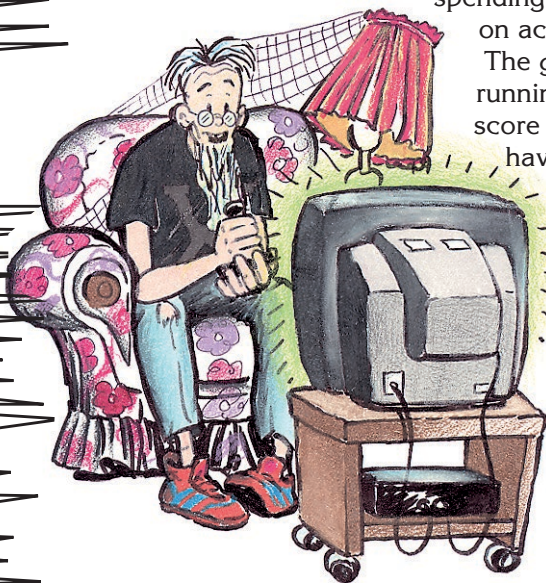
There's no better way to burn up money than on our newest sensation . . .

SUPER MONEY-O WORLD!

In this game you control Luigi Money-O as he dodges all types of obstacles—hungry and homeless people asking for help, church offering baskets, and parents who tell him to save money for college. To win, you must reach the final level where you're

spending *all* of your money on accessories!

The game will keep a running tally of your score and the hours you have spent in front of the screen!



QUESTIONS-----

- How do you know when you're becoming materialistic?
- How do you know when it's OK to buy nice things for yourself and when you should use your money to help the needy?

MONEY TALKS

but what's it saying?

Girls tend to spend their money on clothes, cosmetics, jewelry, fragrances, hair products, and salon visits. Guys tend to spend theirs on electronics, entertainment, and food.

Our spending habits tell a lot about us. What do yours tell about you? To find out, keep track of what you do with your money . . .

ITEMS

AMOUNTS SPENT

TOTAL

Food/snacks			
Clothes/jewelry/cosmetics			
Music/movies/video games			
Entertainment/recreation			
Electronics (cell phones, etc.)			
Books/magazines			
School supplies			
Savings			
God (offerings, giving to missionaries, etc.)			
Other _____			



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But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."
—Matthew 6:33

Have you ever wanted what another person already has? The Bible calls it coveting, and it's a sin. But there is a cure.



MONDAY What are your goals in life? Make a list. Now read Deuteronomy 6:5. Where does God fit into your plans?

TUESDAY Read Matthew 6:25-34. God promises to feed and clothe you if you will seek Him. Compute how many meals you will eat over the next 60 years. Thank God for taking care of your needs today.

WEDNESDAY God's kingdom is the place where He rules supreme. Draw a map to represent God's kingdom and your place in it.

THURSDAY Read Matthew 13:44-46. What's your most treasured possession? Write a poem to God telling Him how valuable He is to you.

FRIDAY How good are you most of the time? Read Isaiah 64:6 and Philippians 3:8-9. God offers you *His* righteousness in Christ. Look for it today.

SATURDAY Do you ever want another person's stuff? Pray and thank God for His promise to take care of you so that you do not need to covet.

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