

B. Joshua the Judge.

Verse 16.—His *promptness*—he 'rose early.'" 16, 17, 18.—His *exactness*—so as not to make a mistake." 19.—His *gentleness*—no abusive accusation." 22.—His *carefulness*—to prove the crime." 24.—His *severity*—although he was so kind.

Achan the Thief.

Verse 18.—His *folly*—he was sure to be found out." 20.—His *wisdom*—in not lying as well as stealing." 21.—His *truthfulness* in making a full confession." 24.—His *sacrifice*—of all that he had." 25.—His *judgment*—a cruel death in this world.

- C. 1. What do you mean by picking and stealing?—Taking little things as well as great things.
 2. What is *robbery*?—Stealing by force.
 3. What is *cheating*?—Stealing by deceit.
 4. What is *gambling*?—Stealing by chance.
 5. What must a thief do?—Repent, like the Penitent Thief on the Cross.
 6. How must a thief repent?—By being sorry, confessing his fault, restoring what he has taken, and never doing anything else dishonest.
 7. What may you steal besides money?

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity (SEPTEMBER 5).

'The Ninth Commandment.'—*Truth*.—Acts v. 1-12; Ephesians iv. 25. Hymns 243, 416.

- A. 1st. 'Evil speaking'—i.e. telling bad tales, even if they are true.—Genesis iii. 12, 13.
 2nd. 'Lying'—i.e. telling what is false, whether it be good or bad.—Col. iii. 9.
 3rd. 'Slandering'—i.e. telling bad tales, knowing them to be false.—1 Kings xxi. 13.

B. Story of a lie:—

Verse 3.—Invented by Satan—see S. John viii. 44.

" 2.—Acted by Ananias—contrast Acts iv. 37.

" 8.—Agreed to by Sapphira—compare 1 Kings xxi. 5.

" 3.—Told to God's minister—2 Kings v. 25.

" 4.—And so to God Himself—S. Luke x. 16.

" 9.—A special sin against the HOLY GHOST—S. John xx. 22.

" 5, 10.—Punished with temporal death, and, unless repented of, with eternal—Rev. xxi. 8.

- C. 1. How does the Catechism explain the Ninth Commandment?—'To keep my tongue from evil speaking, lying and slandering.'
 2. What else does it say about your duty to your neighbours with your tongue?—'To hurt nobody by word.'
 3. Why should you be very careful about your words?—Because 'By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.'
 4. What is the doom of an impenitent liar?—'Every liar shall have his part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone.'
 5. What, then, must a liar do?—'Restrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile.'
 6. How can he do this?—By the grace of Christ, who is The Truth.
 7. Who alone is ever true?—God, who cannot deceive or be deceived.

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