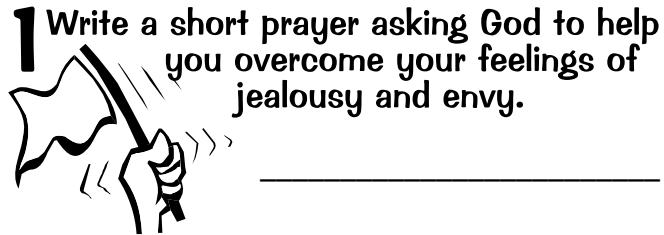


When Wishes Are Problems

Name _____

We all make wishes. We all have hopes and dreams. Wishes, hopes, and dreams are all good things. But they can become bad things if we allow ourselves to wish, hope, and dream for someone or something that belongs to someone else. To covet means to be so jealous that we wish harm would come to the person we envy, or we want to do

harm to that person ourselves. Instead of being happy for our neighbor's good fortune, we feel resentment—possibly even hate. These feelings do terrible things to us and to our relationships with others. Friendship dies. Kindness dies. Love dies. Below are five things to do to avoid being covetous.



1 Write a short prayer asking God to help you overcome your feelings of jealousy and envy.



2 Write a special love-prayer for someone who has something you want.

3 List three good things God has given you.

4 Write a letter thanking God for being so good to you.



5 Name three friends with whom you can share your blessings.