**THE NINTH COMMANDMENT:** You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.

Materials Needed: Glass jar, bottle of drinking water, iodine, bleach, smock, empty water bottle with cover (2), container to put everything in

NOTE: Be VERY careful when showing this demonstration, we do not want you to damage your clothing or the classroom. The person performing the demonstration should wear the smock.

Script

SAY: ***The ninth commandment is*** “***You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.” To learn more about the ninth commandment, we’re going to show you a special demonstration.***

<show the empty jar>

SAY: ***This is a normal glass jar. My partner is going to fill it about a quarter of the way full with water.***

<open the bottle of drinking water and fill the jar one quarter of the way>

SAY: ***This clear water represents our souls when we are not in a state of sin.***

*<show jar with clear water in it>*

*SAY:* ***Next, my partner is going to pour in an iodine solution.***

<pour the brown iodine water into the jar until the jar is half full>

SAY: ***As you can see, the water, which was once pure, is now colored. The darkness is like when our souls become dirty from sin.***

<show the jar with dirty water>

*SAY:* ***Now, however, with a bleach solution, my partner is going to once again make this water look pure.***

<pour bleach solution into the jar until the water looks clear again>

<hold up the jar with clear water in it>
SAY: ***The ninth commandment is, “you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.” To “covet” means to desire. Sometimes, our desires are not pure. Like the water color that tainted the pure water, we can become tainted with desires that are not pure. However, just as the water was restored to its natural purity, we too can be made pure again by the grace of God. The ninth commandment teaches us that we need to avoid impure desires for people who are already living in commitment to another and to instead recognize that our deepest desire is to be one with God.***

\*\* CLEAN UP PROCEDURE: Put covers back on water bottles securely and screw the cover on the glass jar. Put them all back in the plastic bucket. Make sure everything is put back into the bucket the way it was when you got it, and give everything to your catechist. We don’t want to stain anything. \*\*