

Children's Talk and activities for October 4th

Theme; The Ten Commandments

Object ; Ten Commandments picture

Scripture ; Exodus 20:1-17

How many of you have rules at home? Do you have rules about when to eat? How to eat? How long you can watch television? How you should act? (no hitting, no spitting, no yelling?) Do you like the rules? I remember saying that I did NOT like some of the rules when I was little; especially at school. There were too many!!

Let's think about rules and play a game called "I wonder." I'm going to ask you a question that starts with "I wonder" and you guys are going to use your imagination and help me answer. In our country, we have a lot of rules about food -- how it has to be made before we buy it and eat it. I wonder what would happen if we didn't have any of those rules? (do you think it would be clean? Taste as good? Would restaurants be as clean?) We also have a lot of rules in sports and games. I wonder what would happen if our games didn't have rules? (people would cheat and lie, we wouldn't know how to play -- it wouldn't be as fun) And what about on the road -- we have tons of rules on how to drive or ride our bikes on the road. I wonder what would happen if we didn't have those rules? (You could drive anywhere, stop when you want -- there would be crashes all the time!)

We have a lot of rules to live by, and most of them are good, and necessary. If we didn't have them, the world would be crazy!

God also gave us some rules to live by. They are called the 10 commandments and God gave them to Moses. There are 10 of them and they are very important:

1. Don't worship any other gods.
2. Don't make anything in your life more important than God.
3. Don't use God's name in a bad way.
4. Rest one day a week
5. Obey your parents
6. Don't kill
7. Be faithful to your family
8. Don't steal
9. Don't lie.

10. Don't be greedy

When Jesus taught about the rules He shortened it to Love God with all your heart, mind and soul and Love one another.

It's important for us to learn these rules and to obey them! To help you, we are going to make your very own 10 Commandment poster.

Reiterate how the original commandments were chiseled on stone tablets. Do they know why?

LET'S SING! Our God is an Awesome God, He reigns from heaven above, with wisdom power and love. Our God is and awesome God. (See the God's Garden video for the music.)

STONE TABLETS:

Reiterate how the original commandments were ‘carved in stone’ tablets. Do they know why? If something is ‘carved in stone’ it means that it will last forever. Give them each a stone and let them draw a picture of one of the commandments on it. If you have 10 children have them each do a different one and display them for the church!

WHAT'S THE RULE?:

Read each of the scenarios below and let the children answer what should be done, based on the 10 commandments. Maybe you can think of some more!

1. The class was taking a test. Julie didn't know the answer to one of the questions but knew that the person sitting next to her did. All she had to do was glance over to see the answer. What should she do? (commandment 9 Always tell the truth, even on a test!)
2. Justin was playing at a friend's house and really liked the video game they were playing. He really wanted one at his house and thought it wasn't fair that his friend had it but he didn't. What should he do? (commandment 10 Be thankful for what you have!)
3. Ella was at a birthday party at Chuck E Cheese and she was up at the counter trying to decide on what color lollipop to get with her tickets. The lady laid out all the colors on the counter for Ella to see better, but then walked away to help someone else. Ella realized that she could pick up all the suckers and walk away what should she do? (commandment 8 Don't steal!)
4. Paul had a bad day at school and really wanted to come home and rest and watch tv. When he walked in the door, his mother asked him to please take out the garbage before watching tv. He didn't

want to and thought he could do it later what should he do?
(commandment 5! "Obey your parents " which means don't talk
back!)

THINK FAST!: For the older kids

Everyone sit in a circle and read over the commandments again for review. You start off by holding a ball (or anything) and naming one of the commandments. Pass the ball to the next person and they name another. The first person who gets stumped, gets up and moves to the beginning next to you. You start over (name a different commandment to help them out) then pass the ball to the person who just sat down next to you (because you've started over that person can say one that's already been said). There is no winner. The object is to get all the way around the circle (more than once if you have to. If you have less than 10 people) without repeating a commandment and without anyone having to get up and go to the beginning. If you have more than 10, split up in two groups. Are they enjoying the challenge? If so, see if you can do it a second time and beat your time! Race against yourself!

WHAT ARE OUR RULES?

Have you signed a covenant in your home stating all the rules that you are to follow? Now would be a good time! Together, write down all the rules that should be followed at home, have everyone sign them, and then hang them up. Make sure and include: "there are no dumb ideas or questions" (ie. don't laugh at anyone when they are sharing) and, if they are older, "if something is shared in private, keep it private". Make it a safe environment for the kids to share!

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
(EXODUS 19:20-20:17)

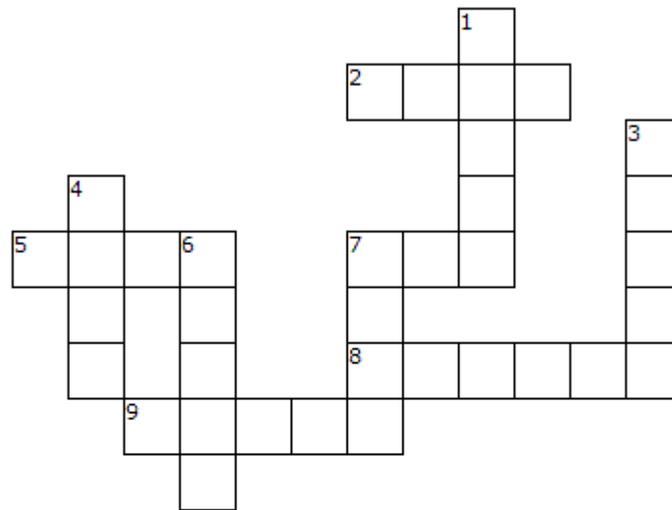


The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. You shall not make for yourself an _____. (a false god)
5. You shall have no other _____ before me.
7. You shall _____ commit adultery.
8. You shall not _____. (kill)
9. You shall not give _____ testimony against your neighbor. (untrue)

DOWN

1. You shall not _____. (to want something that belongs to another)
3. _____ your father and your mother.
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it _____.
6. You shall not _____. (to take what does not belong to you)
7. You shall not misuse the _____ of the LORD your God.

FALSE	IDOL	STEAL	HONOR	MURDER
NAME	COVET	HOLY	NOT	GODS

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words... Exodus 20:1

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

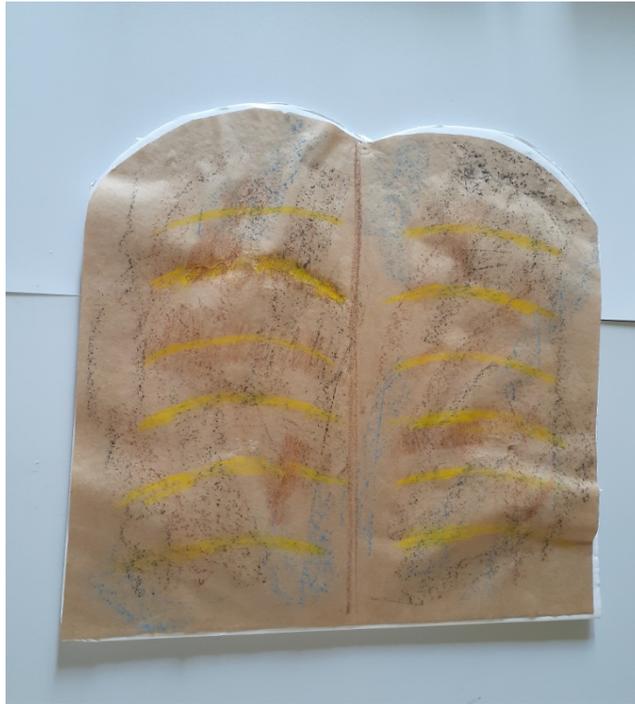


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- 19-10-9-16 _____
- 8-4-15-18 _____
- 14-4-21-21-4-20-23 _____
- 23-9-8-9-22 _____
- 24-4-20-23-18-22 _____
- 15-9-20-23-18-22 _____
- 15-6-22-10-18-22 _____
- 4-10-6-16-20-18-22-11 _____
- 14-20-18-4-16 _____
- 5-9-3-18-20 _____

NAME	ADULTERY	COVET	FATHER	MOTHER
IDOL	SABBATH	MURDER	STEAL	HONOR

This is the craft that is demonstrated in the God's Garden video.



You'll need; dark crayons, brown paper 12"x15" and cardboard to mount it on. Place the paper on a rough surface such as your driveway and using the **sides** of the crayons, colour it like a rock. Glue it to the cardboard and write the 10 Commandments on it, Hang it in your bedroom.

