

# IS MY CHILD READY TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

## TEST #1

Let's see if your child can memorize the TEN COMMANDMENTS (Exodus 20: 3-17). Have fun talking through this list below and make it as age appropriate as possible. For instance, I gave an alternative for explaining adultery to young ones.

1. You shall have no other gods before me. (God should be number one in your life.)
2. You shall not make any idols (Don't bow to anything but God.)
3. You shall not take the Lord's name in vain. (Don't use your lips to dishonor God.)
4. Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy. (Don't neglect the things of God.)
5. Honor your Father and Mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery. (Adultery leaves a heart broken.)
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not lie.
10. You shall not covet. (Be happy with what you have-not greedy.)

Ok. Give your child a paper and ask him/her to list as many as possible.

How did they score? Six: You did well. Seven: Good. Eight: Very Good! Nine: Wonderful! Ten: **You're a Genius!**

## Test #2

Why do you think God gave us the Ten Commandments?

- A. As a way to get to heaven?
- B. As a mirror to look at?

The Ten Commandments are like a mirror for our hearts. They help us see the bad things we've done. Looking in this mirror we see how dirty and bad we really are... what a mess!

Note: Your child must know that they are a sinner in God's eyes and in need of His provision of salvation, so please do not feed them answers. Allow the Spirit to prick their conscience by recognizing they are a sinner before God. This step is very important to guard against false conversion. If they are too young to comprehend the following questions based on Exodus 20: 3-17 (10 Commandments) then it is just too early.

Question: Have you always obeyed your parents?

Question: Have you ever lied?

Question: Have you ever stolen anything?

Question: Have you ever been greedy?

Question: Have you ever hated someone? After they answer say: Jesus said hating is like murdering them in your heart. Matthew 5:22

Question: Have you always loved God?

Say: The Ten Commandments show us how bad we are and how we need to be clean before The Day of Judgment. On that day God will punish everyone who has broken the Ten Commandments. They'll be sent to a terrible place called "Hell."

Then say: God doesn't want you to be punished. He loves you so much that He made a way for you to be clean inside.

Tell them this little story:

A man had a son who was really bad! He was a mean, selfish liar, and a thief. One day he found himself in trouble with the police. A judge said he had to pay a \$50,000.00 fine or go to jail. The son had no money so the judge was about to send him to jail. His dad sold everything he had to pay his son's fine. It showed how much he loved him!

We are like that son. We've done many bad things...

But God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay our fine by dying on the cross.

Jesus took the punishment we deserve. Then He rose from the Dead, defeating death!

That means we don't have to be punished. Instead we can live with God forever! That's how much God loves us!

What should you do?

Ask God to forgive you and to help you obey Him. If you really mean it, Jesus will make your heart clean! God promises He will forgive you and you'll live forever. Then read your Bible every day and obey what you read. God will never leave you.