

“Family Plan”



Goin' Home

As well as the verse, we have a question with an answer for you to review with your child each day. This question/answer will be the same for multiple weeks and is designed to help your child lock into memory what they are learning. Begin each day with asking the question and helping your child respond with the correct answer. Please take 5-10 minutes each day to recite the verse with your child, discuss the question for the day, and pray with them.

Question: Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

Answer: Laws for righteous living, and to be a mirror to show us we all sin.

The verse for the week is: You shall not bear false witness...You shall not covet... Exodus 20:16,17

MONDAY

Yesterday we reviewed some important ways the Ten Commandments help us. Of course, they cannot guide us, protect our relationships or reveal the sin in our lives to us if we don't know them and learn them. That is why we have started studying each one. Let's review each commandment we have learned so far, what it means, how we follow it and how it can be broken.

What was the first one? *You shall have no other gods before me*

And the second commandment?

You shall not make for yourself a carved image [idol]

Now the third commandment.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain

The fourth?

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it Holy.

And now the fifth commandment?

Honor you father and mother

The sixth? *You shall not murder.*

Seventh? *You shall not commit*

The eighth commandment we learned last week?

You shall not commit adultery.

Finally the ninth and tenth?

You shall not lie. You shall not covet.

PRAY-Thank you God for your Ten Commandments. Thank you for all your Law, all your words, all of the Bible. As we go through this study. Help us to learn and remember the Ten Commandments.

TUESDAY

So, we are going to look at two commandments this week. The first is, “Do not lie.” I'm sure you have heard this from your parents before. Don't lie. Tell the truth. Did you know this is what God expects from us also? Why is telling the truth so and not lying so important to God? *Allow answers*

Truth is God's very nature. There is nothing but truth in Him. If this was not the case, we could not trust or believe anything about God. When someone is not truthful, but lies, we cannot trust them. Luckily God never lies.

Let's read some verses that speak to this. **Read Numbers 23:19, Heb 6:18**

We see that God cannot lie. It is against His nature because He is Holy, perfect and pure, without sin. We see this is the same of Jesus as well. Listen to what Jesus says about himself in John 14:6.

What did Jesus call himself...the truth!

PRAY Lord, you are the truth. You are holy and there is no sin in you. Help us to always speak the truth as you do. Forgive us for the times we don't.

WEDNESDAY

Not only does God not lie, He *hates* lying. Listen to these verses. How many ways does God speak about lying? **read Proverbs 6-19, 12:22.**

Lies are called an abomination to God. What do you think this means? *Allow Answer*

An abomination is something that causes disgust or hatred. What did Jesus have to say about lying? Let's see in John 8. In this chapter the Pharisees were seeking to harm, even kill Jesus. They did not believe he is God and calling Jesus a liar. Jesus tells them they are the ones who are lying and then teaches something about lies. Listen to John 8:44

What strong truth does Jesus teach?

PRAY-Lord, may speaking lies be abomination to us as well. Help us to be people who are truthful.

FRIDAY

What is coveting? *Allow answers.*
Let's listen to Exodus 20:17 to help.

Coveting is when we see something and want it so badly we are jealous and unhappy. We want it for ourselves!

In case we didn't understand that the other commandments are not only about what we do but also how we feel, this one makes it clear! Coveting is about our feelings and thoughts. Coveting is like saying God has not been fair with us. We don't like what He gives us. Have you every felt this way? Wanted something really badly and felt it was unfair that you didn't have it? *Allow children to give example.* Probably we all have. Or maybe you wanted it so badly you were angry someone else had it felt you would do anything to get it.

This is coveting. And it is a sin. It shows the sinful nature of our hearts and when we recognize it as sin, it points us to our need for a Savior who forgives. We must be careful to guard our hearts from coveting. We must be satisfied and content with what God has given us.

PRAY-O God, help us to know you have given us all we need and to not be greedy for more.

THURSDAY

Lying damages someone's reputation. It causes us to be confused and not know what is true. Imagine if everyone was allowed to lie in a courtroom. Innocent people might be put in jail and guilty people, even murderers sent home free!

So why do you think people lie? *Answers*

Maybe to avoid punishment. Is this right to do? No, we should confess when we do wrong, ask forgiveness and accept any punishment that we earned.

Sometimes people lie to get something they want. This is also wrong. As we learned last week, this is stealing. This idea also is related, and born in breaking the tenth commandment, "Do not covet."

PRAY-Lord, help us to understand and recognize ways we might fall into lying. Help us to be aware of the damage that lies do.

SATURDAY

When we covet something it shapes how we feel and think towards others. It shapes how we feel toward God. And it can even shape how we act! Very often coveting leads to breaking other commandments as well. Listen to James 4:1-3. *read.*

Coveting can lead to lying, to stealing, to adultery or murder in order to get something we covet or to keep it from someone else. Coveting something can even turn it into an idol in our lives. It can take the place in our heart that should only belong to God!

When we want something badly, we should be very careful and look at think about how we are feeling. Are we coveting that thing? If we are, we need to stop what we are doing and pray. We need to confess to God that we are coveting, ask Him to help us let go of the feeling. We should think about how He always gives us what we need and more. About how the greatest thing we need is a relationship with Him and He made that available through Jesus!

Let's look at the Ten Commandments. Is there anyone of you who has not broken at least one? What does James 2:10 teach? What about Romans 3:23? Even the Pharisees who opposed Jesus knew they were sinners. We all are. And we all need a Savior. We all need Jesus and his death on the Cross. *Read 2 Cor 5:21.*

PRAY- Lord, help us to be content with what you have given us and to trust you. You know what is best for us and love us.