



Use Week of:

## Unit 5 • Session 3

# The Ten Commandments

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Exodus 19–20

**STORY POINT:** God is good.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Matthew 22:37a

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God's rules show we need Jesus to rescue us.

### Bible Story for Toddlers

God wanted His people to worship Him, so God gave Moses special rules. God wrote down these rules: “Do not worship anyone but Me. Do not make statues to worship. Do not treat My name like it is not special. Remember the day of rest because I rested on the seventh day after I made everything.” These rules showed God's people how to love and obey Him. Then God told people how to love each other: “Obey your mother and father. Do not kill. Do not break your marriage promises. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not want things that belong to other people.” God's rules are good, but people cannot obey them perfectly. Only Jesus obeyed God perfectly.

### Babies Gospel Gems

- \* God gave us rules to love Him and others.
- \* People do not always obey God's rules.
- \* Jesus always obeyed God's rules.

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# BABIES Activities

## Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Exodus 19. Show the Bible story picture as you say the Gospel Gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God's rules show we need Jesus to rescue us. [*Pray.*]

## Sing a Bible story song

Sing the chorus of "God Is So Good." Look up the song online if you are unfamiliar with the tune or lyrics.

"God \*is so good. God is so good. God is so good.

He's so good to me."

\*Substitute *cares for me, sent His Son, and loves me so* in other rounds.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God gave us rules to love Him and others. Jesus always obeyed God's rules.

## Make hand imprints

Roll out soft modeling clay into a tablet. Gently help a baby press her hand into the modeling clay to make an imprint. Consider allowing the clay to dry so that children may take the imprints home. Use a pencil or skewer to write the Christ Connection or Story Point on each imprint.

**SAY:** God gave us rules to love Him and others. The Bible says God wrote rules with His own finger! People do not always obey God's rules. God's rules show we need Jesus to rescue us. God sent Jesus because **GOD IS GOOD.**

## Climb a mountain

Stack a few pillows or horseshoe-shaped tummy pillows and cover them with a blanket. Invite babies to crawl to or sit on the "mountain." Supervise babies to make sure they do not tumble.

**SAY:** The Bible says Moses went on a mountain to get the Ten Commandments, or rules. God gave us rules to love Him and others. **GOD IS GOOD.**

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church's security guidelines. Give parents today's big picture card. Repeat the Gospel Gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

# TODDLER Activities

## Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Exodus 19. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the Story Point and Gospel Gems. Pray for the toddlers.

## Finger paint a heart

Provide painting smocks, washable red finger paint, foam plates, and heavyweight paper. Draw a heart shape and invite toddlers to trace or fill in the hearts on their paper. You may also let toddlers finger paint freely and then place heart stickers on the art when it is dry. Write the Story Point on each artwork.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God gave us rules to love Him and others. God's rules show we need Jesus to rescue us.

## Stack blocks

Before class, write phrases about the Ten Commandments from the Bible story onto index cards. Tape the index cards to blocks. Invite toddlers to stack the 10 blocks. (They do not have to be in order.) Briefly review the Bible story.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God gave us rules to love Him and others. People do not always obey God's rules. Jesus always obeyed God's rules!

## Practice sign language

Display a Bible with the key passage card serving as a bookmark. Teach toddlers simple signs for the key passage: *Love* (cross arms over chest) *the Lord* (make an L with your finger and thumb, touch from your opposite shoulder to your hip). Invite toddlers to repeat the signs with you as you say the key passage.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God gave us rules to love Him and others. Jesus said that greatest rule is to love God.

## Polish smooth stones

Provide hand-size smooth stones, washcloths, and water for toddlers to polish the stones. Talk about the Bible story as toddlers work.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD!** God gave us rules to love Him and others. God wrote the rules on a stone tablet. Jesus always obeyed God's rules.

# BONUS Teaching Hour

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## Transition activity: Make a bracelet

Post an allergy alert and wash hands. Give each toddler a chenille craft stem and make a loop. Provide bowls of O-shaped cereal for toddlers to thread 10 onto the bracelets. Twist the ends of the stem together to close the bracelet around each toddler's wrist. Use colorful duct tape to cover any sharp ends of the craft stem. Count the "jewels" (before toddlers eat them)!

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God gave us rules to love Him and others called the Ten Commandments. People do not always obey God's rules. God's rules show we need Jesus to rescue us. Jesus always obeyed God's rules.

## Sing and count to 10

Count on your fingers as you sing to the tune of "Ten Little Soldiers":

"One and two and three commandments!

Four and five and six commandments!

Seven and eight and nine commandments. Ten commandments from God!"

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God gave us rules to love Him and others. Jesus always obeyed God's rules!

## Play "I can do it!"

Play a simple game with toddlers. Call a child by name and ask him to do a simple task: "Can you hop? smile? wiggle?" Cheer each time a child does a task.

**SAY: GOD IS GOOD.** God made us to think and make choices. People do not always obey God's rules. God's rules show we need Jesus to rescue us.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ Connection, Story Point, or Gospel Gems throughout the week.