

New Commands

Week 5



Big Idea: God gives his laws and commandments to free us, protect us, and show his love... not to take away our fun and ruin our lives.

Key Verse: Exodus 25:8-9

⁸“Then have them make a sanctuary for me, and I will dwell among them. ⁹Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you.

Table Talk

What do you think is the most important of the Ten Commandments?

Why?

When Jesus was asked that same question, what did he say?

(Read Matthew 22:36–40) Why did he answer this way? Do you agree?

The third commandment talks about not misusing God’s name. Does that apply to words such as “Gosh,” “Geez,” and “OMG”?

What do the Ten Commandments show us about God’s character?

(He’s a jealous God; He cares about life; He wants us to look to him for our needs.)

Extra Mile

Get a deck of cards and remove all the face cards (jacks, queens, kings, and jokers).

Shuffle the deck. Bring out a Bible and review the Ten Commandments in order. For younger children, you can paraphrase the Commandments like this: 1. God is the one true God; 2. Do not worship anyone or anything but God; 3. Do not misuse God’s name; 4. Rest one day a week; 5. Respect your father and mother; 6. Do not kill; 7. Husbands and wives should keep their promises to each other; 8. Do not steal; 9. Do not lie; 10. Do not be jealous of others.

Put the deck on the table. Have the youngest family member start by drawing a card and trying to say the corresponding commandment (example: 8 = Do not steal). If the person says the correct commandment, he gets to keep the card. If it’s incorrect, the card is put face-up next to the deck. Go through the entire deck of cards. The person who ends up with the most cards gets a prize, such as being able to choose a special dessert the following night.

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