

The Ten Commandments

Youth and Family Worship
March 6, 2021



Call to Worship (Psalm 19)

Weary and overwhelmed, we gather.

God's holy word revives us.

Simple and confused, we yield.

God's word gives us wisdom.

Blind and uncomprehending, we await.

God's word enlightens our eyes.

More precious than gold is God's word.

Sweeter than honey are God's commands.



Children's Worship Song

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Opening Prayer

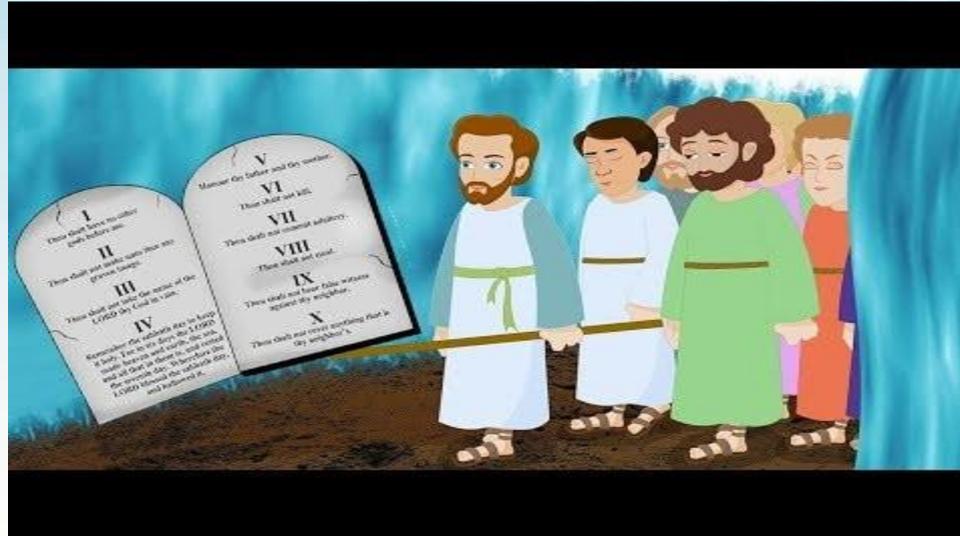
Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

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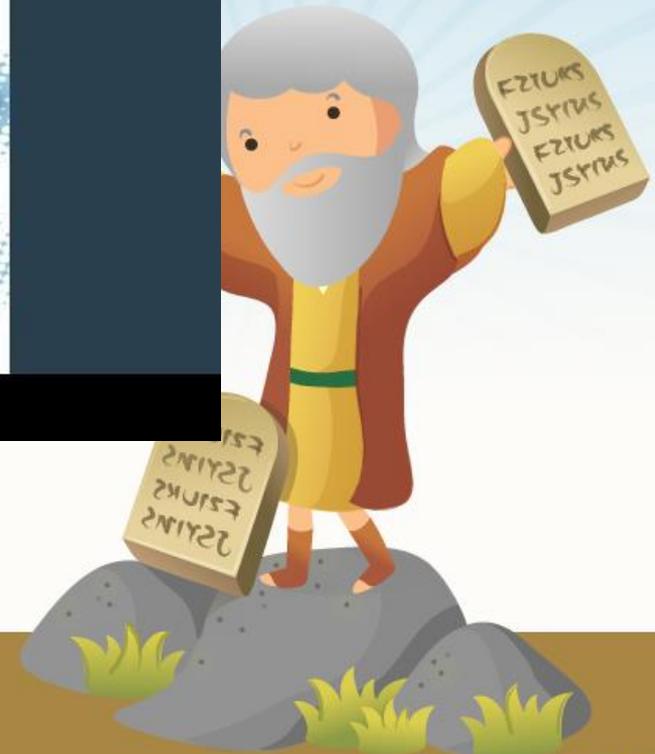
Children's Bible Story

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Children's Worship Song

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Exodus 20:1-17

20:1 Then God spoke all these words:

20:2 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;

20:3 you shall have no other gods before me.

20:4 You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

20:5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me,

20:6 but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

20:7 You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

20:8 Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

20:9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work.

20:10 But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work--you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

20:11 For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

20:12 Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

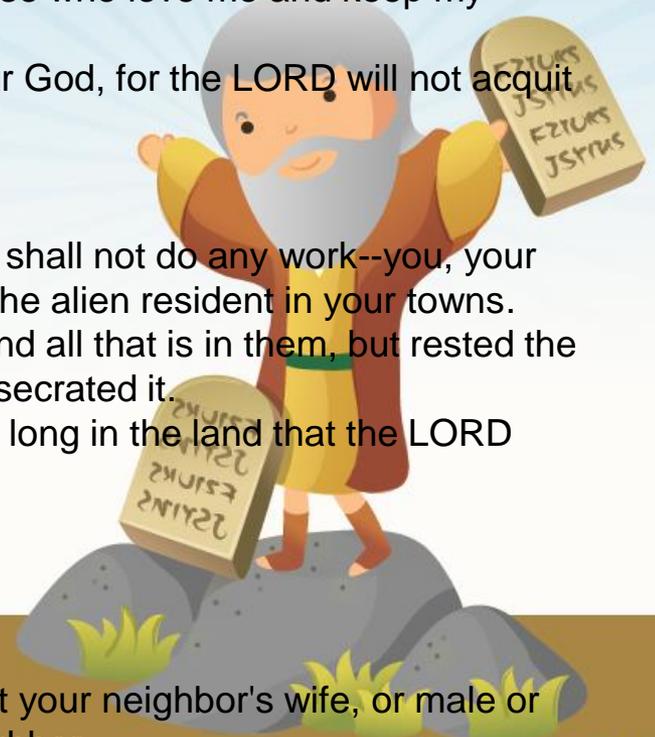
20:13 You shall not murder.

20:14 You shall not commit adultery.

20:15 You shall not steal.

20:16 You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

20:17 You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



Youth & Adult Worship

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Youth and Adult Bible Study Discussion or Journal

1. While these are often referred to as commandments, a more literal translation might be *instructions*. The Israelites did not view these instructions as restrictive but as a gift from God that marked them as God's special people. How does it change if we think of these as instructions for living instead of commandments?
2. These instructions for life enable the people of Israel to live in such a way that marks them as God's special people. Instead of constraining, how are these instructions freeing? [By keeping these commandments or instructions, they were freed to be God's people and not enslaved by idols.]
3. Are God's boundaries still important for Christians to try and follow today? Why?

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/rend-your-hearts-claiming-the-promise/third-sunday-in-lent-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/third-sunday-in-lent-year-b-youth-lessons>



Mini Message: The Manual

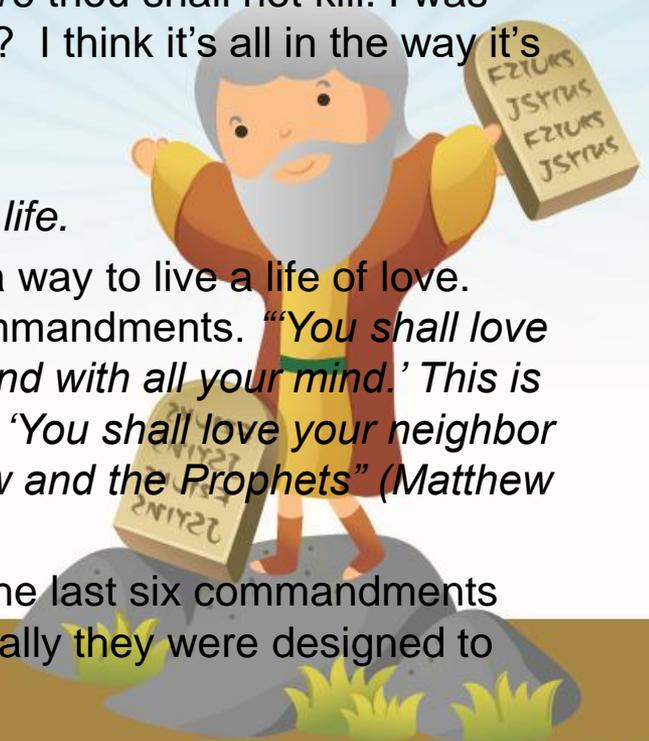
The Ten Commandments are sort of like the manual you get when you buy a new electronic gadget. It's our manual from God. God gave us these instructions to help us to have better lives. He wanted us to have healthy lives free from constant trouble. When you don't have boundaries the result is chaos. Try to imagine a traffic intersection without stop signs or stop lights. Unfortunately people don't see the commandments as a gift or a resource. Some people fear them. I remember once someone asking me to take them down because they might scare the children. In particular #6 thou shall not kill. I was confused. Shouldn't I be teaching the Ten Commandments? I think it's all in the way it's presented. Think about these two sentences.

1. Here are the rules you must follow!

2. Here are some instructions that will help you to navigate life.

God gave us the commandments to reveal a way of life— a way to live a life of love. Jesus Christ summarized all of God's laws in two great commandments. *"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets"* (Matthew 22:37-40).

The first four commandments tell us how to love God and the last six commandments teach us how to demonstrate love for other people. Essentially they were designed to teach us how to love God and to love others.



Youth and Adult Worship Song

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Benediction

Go forth with the Lord at your side, seeking goodness and compassion. Bring the words of hope and peace to all whom you meet. Go in peace. AMEN.

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