

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **June 6, 2021** Family Theme | **God Requires Holy Living** Study Text | **Exodus 20:1-21**

Objective: Help your children understand that God gave ten foundational commands that show us how to relate to God and to other people. We live out these commands out of love for God and people.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set about seven weeks after the Exodus from Egypt in 1446 BC when God began to give the people His laws to live by.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. Where are the Ten Commandments found in the Bible? Answer: The Ten Commandments can be found in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.

Read the Word: Exodus 20:1-21

Disciple Your Kids

Talk with your children or grandchildren about how God gave His people the Ten Commandments to show what He is like and let them know how they should relate to God and to the people around them.



Key Truth: God's Commands Show Us How to Love and Respect God (Exodus 20:1-11)

God gave instructions on how to relate to Him, the redeeming God. He alone is worthy of worship. We should let nothing override or compete with Him in any way. We are to make no images to worship; we are to use God's name respectfully. We are also to set aside a day for worship and rest. This involves backing away from our normal activities and setting apart a day to live as dependent creatures, not as independent agents over the earth.



Key Truth: God's Commands Show Us How to Love and Respect People (Exodus 20:12-17)

The remainder of the commandments focus on our relationships with other people. He instructed us to honor our parents, and not to commit adultery, steal, speak falsely, or covet. Few would disagree that if everyone followed these commandments, then society as a whole would be much better off. Nearly all of us want those around us to be faithful, honest, loyal, and respectful of each other's property and relationships. This is another way of stating the Golden Rule — to treat others as we would want them to treat us.



Key Truth: Reverence for God Helps Keep Us From Sin (Exodus 20:18-21)

God wanted His people to fear Him so they would keep themselves from sin. On the mountain, the people of Israel needed to see God's power. They needed to pay attention to this God who redeemed them. When it comes to God, fear that comes from respect is healthy. A proper fear of God will keep us from treating His grace and mercy carelessly.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why did God give the Israelites the Ten Commandments?
- Why would we say that the Ten Commandments, and all of God's other commands, are in our best interests?
- What did Jesus mean when He said all of the Law and Prophets (including the Ten Commandments) hang or depend on loving God and loving our neighbors?
- Why did God give the Ten Commandments with thunder, lightning, smoke, and the sound of a trumpet?
- How does reverence (proper respect) for God help us keep ourselves from sin?
- Which commandment do you need to focus on obeying this week?
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Everyday Extras

Write each of the Ten Commandments in various places on a piece of paper. Then with a colored marker or crayon, write GOD in letters as big as the whole page, even if the letters are on top of the commandments you wrote. Cut the page into ten puzzle pieces. Have your children put the puzzle together, and remind them that the commandments teach us about God and what pleases Him.

Encourage your children to experiment with carving a word onto stone — whether a large rock or a bit of concrete. When God wrote the commandments onto stone, He was giving a sign that His Word never changes. He is always the same and He can be trusted.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned the Israelites chose to worship a golden calf instead of the one, true God. Moses destroyed the false idol and God gave him ten rules, or commandments, for the people to follow. Your child learned about the first four rules and why God gave them to us. **God's Rules Are Best.**