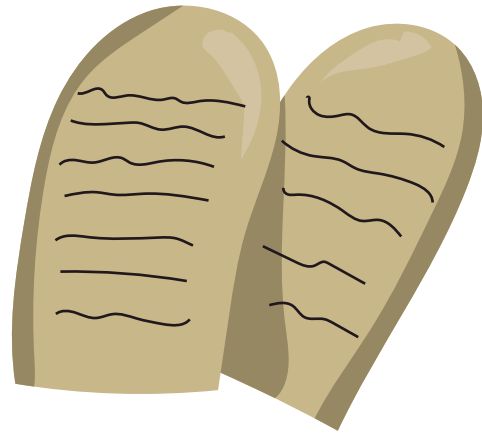


# Ten Commandments



## Supplies:

- Plain white printer paper
- Crayons, colored pencils, markers

## Directions:

- Pass out paper. Tell the students to fold the paper in half 3 times. Then, open up the paper. There should be 8 small squares on the paper.
- Teach the Ten Commandments to the students. Pause after each commandment to let the student draw a picture to help remember the commandment. (Alternatively, you may also encourage students to create a sign to remember with their hands or an action to act out. The point is for them to remember and be able to tell others.
  1. "You shall have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). This means God should be most important in your life. He should be first.
  2. "Do not worship idols" (Exodus 20:4-6). God doesn't want us to bow down or worship anything other than Him. This includes idols, other gods, people, things and toys. He wants us to worship Him only. He knows that this is what is best for us and gives us the most joy.
  3. "Do not take the Lord's name in vain" (Exodus 20:7). God doesn't want us to use His name in a careless way. He doesn't want you to use His name in a disrespectful, silly or bad way.
  4. "Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). Do you ever get tired? Everyone gets tired. What do your parents tell you to do when you get tired and it is naptime? They tell you to take a nap or to rest. God wants us to rest. He knows it is good for us to rest. He wants us to take time to rest and worship Him every week.
  5. "Honor your mother and father" (Exodus 20:12). How do we honor our parents? Honor means to show respect and love to them. It means listening to what they ask us to do.
  6. "Do not murder" (Exodus 20:13). God tells us not to kill other people. God created people and He loves them.
  7. "Do not commit adultery" (Exodus 20:14). When a man and woman get married, they make a promise to love and stay together until they die. If we choose to break that promise because we like someone new other people get hurt. It hurts the couple's children, and it hurts their husband or wife. God created families so that we have a safe place to love one another.
  8. "Do not steal" (Exodus 20:15). God doesn't want us to take things don't belong to us.
  9. "Do not bear false witness" (Exodus 20:16). God doesn't want us to tell lies about other people. That hurts other people.
  10. "Do not covet" (Exodus 20: 17). To covet means to desire something/someone that you don't have. For example, your friend has an iPad/phone. In your heart, you really want that iPad. You really want to take it, and you are jealous of your friend for having it. That is coveting, and God says we shouldn't think and feel that way in our heart.
- After you have taught the students the Ten Commandments, say: "God gave these commandments or rules not to make our lives difficult but to protect us and guide our relationships. Because we are sinful, we continue to break these commandments. That is why Jesus came. He came to save us from our sins. To do this, Jesus had to be sinless. He kept all the commandments. He did what no person could do. Then, he became the perfect sacrifice for our sins."
- Read Mark 12:28-34 out loud.
- What does Jesus say are the two most important commandments?
- Write on a board the two most important commandments. Then, have the students tell you where each of the Ten Commandments fits under the two most important commandments and why.