

TEACHING THE ELEVEN COMMANDMENTS
NO LEGO GODS

look back

First, **LOOK BACK** at the past week by asking, "How did we do?" Begin with prayer, then check in with one another—sharing honestly, celebrating victories, acknowledging struggles, and graciously offering practical help.

PRAYER - Begin with prayer, inviting Jesus into the conversation.

Then discuss last week's assignment:

- Were you able to talk with a grandchild or NextGen loved one about why God deserves first place in our lives?
- What did you learn by listening to their understanding of what it means to put God first?
- Did you recognize anything in your own life that competes with God for first place?

look up

Next, **LOOK UP** to God's Word by asking, "What does Jesus want us to know?" If you haven't already, watch this week's video: *"No LEGO Gods."* Then use the summary, questions, and Scriptures below to draw out the main truths together.

WATCH: Episode 2: No LEGO Gods

Episode Summary

The Second Commandment is about more than carved statues. We can also create idols in our minds by reshaping God into someone more comfortable, convenient, or compatible with what we already want to believe. **But God defines Himself.**

He has made Himself known through His Word and through Jesus Christ. He reveals to be infinitely greater than anything we could construct for ourselves. As grandparents, we can help our grandchildren resist "LEGO Gods" by teaching them to know and love God as He truly is.

HOW TO USE THESE RESOURCES

Whether you're studying on your own or with a group, each guide follows a simple yet powerful rhythm: **Look Back / Look Up / Look Forward.** For group leaders, additional instructions for leading a small group are included at the end of the first workbook in each series.

ABOUT THIS STUDY

God's commandments give us a moral compass for navigating a world where truth and values are increasingly up for grabs. This eleven-part series explores the Ten Commandments and Jesus' "new commandment" to love one another as He has loved us. More than a list of restrictions, God's commands reveal His character, show us our need for Jesus, and guide us in passing on His legacy of love to the next generations.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

1. Where are you most tempted to reshape God according to your own preferences or expectations?
2. Why will a god created by human imagination always be too small?
3. How does knowing that God is infinite, eternal, and unchanging affect the way you trust Him?
4. How can you help your grandchildren recognize when someone is constructing a "LEGO God"?
5. What do you think are the most important characteristics God has revealed about Himself, and how can you teach those qualities by example?

God defines Himself. We don't define Him.

Episode Notes

1. God defines Himself.

- God is not whatever we want, wish, or imagine Him to be.
- He has chosen to reveal who He is.

2. Don't build a LEGO God.

- Idolatry includes remaking God according to our own preferences.
- Any god we construct will always be too small.

3. Get to know the true God.

- God has revealed Himself through Scripture and ultimately through Jesus.
- He is infinite, eternal, and unchanging.

4. Teach your grandkids who God really is.

- Help them distinguish the God of Scripture from ideas about God they encounter elsewhere.
- Teach them to let God define Himself rather than rebuilding Him in their own image.

WHAT DOES GOD'S WORD SAY?

KEY SCRIPTURE

Exodus 20:4–5 - "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them." God does not leave us free to construct our own version of Him. The Second Commandment protects us from replacing the true God with something created by human hands or imagination.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE

Exodus 3:14 - "God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: "I AM has sent me to you."'" God defines Himself. Our task is not to decide what we want Him to be, but to know and worship Him as He has revealed Himself.

look forward

Finally, **LOOK FORWARD** by asking, "What does Jesus want us to do?" Commit to practical steps for living out this week's lesson. Review the assignment, share commitments with the group, pray for one another, and move forward together in faith and hope.

ADDITIONAL REFERENCES

John 1:14
John 4:24
Romans 1:21–23
Isaiah 46:9

THIS EPISODE'S ASSIGNMENT

This week, help a grandchild or NextGen loved one explore the difference between **discovering who God is and deciding who we want God to be.**

Listen before sharing your answer. Discuss how easily we imagine God as we want Him to be instead of letting Him reveal Himself.

Practice this yourself during the week. When you think, **"God would never…"** or **"Surely God must…"**, ask whether that belief comes from Scripture or your assumptions.

The goal is to teach your grandchildren **where to look to discover who God really is,** as well as what to believe about Him.

PERSONAL GROWTH COMMITMENTS

- What has God laid on my heart?
- What is the Holy Spirit leading me to change?
- What will I do in my own life, in my relationships, and to reach NextGen loved ones?

SHARE WITH THE GROUP

Encourage sharing commitments, prayer needs, and real-life stories. Close in prayer, asking God to help you and your NextGen loved ones know Him as He has revealed Himself.