



K-1st Lesson

Review

Refer to Lesson 56 Flip Chart. God rescued the Israelites from Egypt. He split the Red Sea so they could walk through it, and he led them with a pillar of cloud and fire. Even after this great miracle, the Israelites grumbled and complained when they got hungry and thirsty. But God was merciful to them and gave them manna to eat and water to drink.

After three months of traveling in the wilderness, the Israelites came to Mount Sinai where God spoke to them and gave them ten important commands. We call these the Ten Commandments.

The First Four Commandments

Put the following objects that represent the commandments into each numbered bag for the students to reveal as you teach: #1 blue ribbon or trophy, #2 figurine, #3 lipstick or lip balm, #4 clock or wristwatch, #5 photo of a family or couple, #6 baby toy, sock, or bonnet, #7 ring (real or play), #8 wallet or money, #9 Bible, #10 small wrapped present.

Even though God first gave these commandments to the Israelites, they are also important for us. The first four commands tell God's people how they should treat God. Let's take a look at them now.

Exodus 20:1-3

Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page. Our memory verse has the first command! Let's say it together. Read the verse together.

- ? Can you find the part that is the first commandment? It starts with the word "you." *You shall have no other gods before me.*
- ? That's the first commandment. Who will show us what's inside the first bag? *Choose a student to reveal the item in bag #1.*
- ? What does this ribbon/trophy remind you of? *Allow discussion.*

A ribbon or trophy like this is given to someone in first place.

Show the Lesson Flip Chart. See the number one here? It reminds us that God should always have first place in our lives; nothing should be more important to us than him.

There are lots of things we may put first instead of God—like watching TV, playing sports or video games, or playing with friends. These things aren't bad—unless we spend so much time doing them that we forget about God. We should always put God first.

- ? Let's move on to the second commandment. Who will look inside bag #2 for us? *Choose a student.*

This little statue is just a decoration, but today we'll use it to remind us of some statues called idols that people make and bow down to. God's second commandment says we should never make any idols to worship or pray to.

Refer to the Flip Chart. This girl is singing and worshipping God. Do you see the #2 shape? That reminds us of the second commandment to never worship an idol or a statue. We should worship only God.

Exodus 20:7

- ? Let's read the next commandment from Exodus 20:7. Who has the Bible? *Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Read the verse.*
- ? What did it say? You shall not take whose name in vain? *You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.*

That means the words we say should never dishonor God or his name—that includes using God's name as a swear word or just saying it when we're excited about something. God doesn't want us to use his name that way.

- ? Who wants to show us what's in bag #3? *Choose a student.*
- ? What do you do with lipstick/lip balm? *Put it on your lips.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Look at these big lips. Do you see the number three? This lipstick and these lips remind us of the third commandment to honor God with our words.

Exodus 20:8

Now listen to the fourth commandment. Read Exodus 20:8.

- ? What is the fourth commandment? What day should we remember? *Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*

God wants us to work six days and rest on the seventh day like he did at creation. Here, you may choose to teach your denomination's application of this command.

Refer to the Flip Chart. See the number four? Going to church is a great way to rest from all the other things we do during the week and take time for God. At church, we can spend time learning about God, worshipping him, and thanking him for all he's done for us.

- ? What do you think is in the fourth bag? Who will open it for us? *Choose a student.*
- ? What does a clock do for us? *Tells us the time.*

Yes. A clock/watch reminds us that we should take time for God.

The Last Six Commandments

The next six commandments tell us how to live right and how to treat other people.

Exodus 20:12

Listen to the fifth commandment. Read Exodus 20:12.

- ? Who does the fifth commandment tell us to honor? *Honor your father and your mother.*

- ? Will someone look in bag #5 for us? *Choose a student.*

Here's a picture of a mom and a dad (or family) to remind us to honor our own moms and dads.

- ? What is a big way you can honor your parents when they tell you to do something? It starts with the letter o! *Obey them.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Right! God wants us to obey our parents and listen to them. Here's a mom and a dad. They are sitting in the shape of a 5 to help us remember the fifth commandment—honor and obey your parents.

Exodus 20:13

- ? What is the sixth commandment? Read Exodus 20:13. You shall not what? *You shall not murder.*

- ? Who wants to open bag #6? *Choose a student.*

This baby toy/sock/bonnet reminds us that God gives us life. God says in the sixth commandment that no person should ever take someone's life by killing them. This is murder.

Refer to the Flip Chart. See the six here around the mother and her baby? God has created us special in his image, so we should respect all human life.

Let's look in the next bag now, #7. *Choose a student.*

- ? A ring! What does this remind you of? *Allow answers.*

- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. Hey! Our picture has a ring, too. What is happening in this picture shaped like the number seven? *Allow answers.*

This reminds us that God designed marriage to be one man and one woman for life. When they get married, God wants a husband and wife to love each other and never leave them for someone else. This is the seventh commandment, to obey God's design for marriage.

Exodus 20:15

- ? And what's the eighth command? Read Exodus 20:15. You shall not steal.

- ? What could be in bag #8? *Choose a student.*

This wallet/money reminds us that we should never steal.

- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. Do you see how the boy and his thought are shaped like an 8? What is the boy thinking about? *Stealing money.*

Yes. But he knows it's wrong, so there's a big X through that idea. He knows God wants us to respect other people's things.

Let's move on to the ninth commandment. It says we should not bear false witness against our neighbor.

- ? What does false mean? *Not true.*

- ? So, if you say something that is false, what are you doing? *Lying.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Right. The ninth command says we should never lie. See this boy in the number 9? He's painting a line through the word "lies." He knows it's wrong to lie, so he's crossing it out.

- ? Who will look in bag #9? *Choose a student.*

It's a Bible! God never lies; his Word is always true—and he wants our words to be true, too.

Sometimes we may not want to tell the whole truth. We might think, "It's not a big lie, just a little fib." Or we may try to be sneaky and cover up part of the truth.

- ? But does that still count as a lie? *Yes!*

Yes. God wants us to tell the truth—always.

- ? There's one more commandment we need to talk about. Who wants to see what's in the last bag? *Choose a student.*

- ? Ooh! How many of you like presents? *Show of hands.*

Most people enjoy getting presents. But when we see something someone else has and feel like we want it so bad that we can't be happy without it, that's called coveting. In the tenth commandment, God says we should not covet. He wants us to be happy and content with what we have and not go around wishing we had what another person has.

- ? Refer to the Flip Chart. See this girl in the number ten picture? She's holding a small gift. Do you think she's coveting the boy's huge gift? Is she mad because she wants the big gift this boy has? *Allow discussion.*

They both look like they are happy with what they've been given, don't they? And that's what the tenth commandment should remind us of—to be happy and content with what we have.

Why Did God Give the Ten Commandments?

God put the Ten Commandments in his Word, so we (and the Israelites) could understand how to treat God, how to treat others, and to learn that we need Jesus. You see, we can't obey all these commands all the time because we are sinners.

Refer to the Flip Chart. If we tell a lie, we're breaking the ninth commandment. If we disobey our mom or dad, we're breaking the fifth commandment!

Who was the only person that could obey all of these commandments? *Jesus!*

Jesus was the only one who ever obeyed all of God's laws perfectly. That's why he could take the punishment for our sins when he died on the cross. And when we turn to Jesus and believe in him, we are made right with God. That's the good news about Jesus, and it begins by understanding the Ten Commandments!

God gave the 10 Commandments.



1. Put God first.



2. Worship only God.



3. Honor God with your words.



4. Take time for God.



5. Obey your parents.



6. Respect human life.



7. Obey God's design for marriage.



8. Respect other people's things.



9. Tell the truth.



10. Be content with what you have.