

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Imagine the world without laws or rules and if everyone did whatever they felt like.

What would that be like...

On the highway?

At school?

At the grocery store?

In the hospital?

Without rules, regulations, and laws, our society would fall into utter chaos. God has given us the 10 Commandments to show us how to relate to Him and each other. They provide a framework so together we can live in relative peace and unity.

When you read the 10 Commandments, what stands out about God's values? What do you learn about Him?

God gave the 10 Commandments *after* He rescued Israel from slavery in Egypt. Why is knowing that important?

When God says, "*You must not have any other god but me.*", what are some practical implications of this to your life?

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**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

GNB – Good News Bible

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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<sup>1</sup> Then God gave the people all these instructions: <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. <sup>3</sup> You must not have any other god but me. <sup>4</sup> You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. <sup>5</sup> You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. <sup>6</sup> But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. <sup>7</sup> You must not misuse the name of the LORD your God. The LORD will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

<sup>8</sup> Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. <sup>9</sup> You have six days each week for your ordinary work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the LORD your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is

why the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy. <sup>12</sup> Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup> You must not murder. <sup>14</sup> You must not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup> You must not steal. <sup>16</sup> You must not testify falsely against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup> You must not covet your neighbor's house. You must not covet your neighbor's wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor."

Exodus 20:1–17 (NLT)

**Why do we need rules?**

*In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.*

Judges 17:6 (NLT)

**If I follow the 10 Commandments, will that get me to heaven? No, that wasn't their intent.**

**They reveal God's nature.**

**They reveal standards for relating to Him and others.**

**They reveal our need for a Savior.**

<sup>21</sup> If the law could give us new life, we could be made right with God by obeying it. <sup>22</sup> But the Scriptures declare that we are all prisoners of sin, so we receive God's promise of freedom only by believing in Jesus Christ.

Galatians 3:21–22 (NLT)

**God requires exclusive devotion to Him if I choose to follow.**

<sup>9</sup> This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honoured; <sup>10</sup> may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Matthew 6:9–10 (GNB)