



TEN COMMANDMENTS

Young Preschool • #OT13 • September 1, 2024

Concept

Only God is perfect.

Goal

The children will learn that God gave us His Law to teach us that He is perfect and we are not. He sent His son, Jesus, to die for our sins so we can be forgiven and live forever in heaven with Him.

Passage

Exodus 20

Key Verse: "We all make bad choices and can't keep God's perfect law."

Romans 3:23 (paraphrased)

Planning Ahead

Lesson Supplies	Craft Supplies
Lesson: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Laminated picture of Moses with Commandments	Learning Activity #1: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Page printed with 2 pictures on each side, 1/child"Jesus" hearts printed on Avery #5160 labels, 4 hearts/childCrayons, markers

*TEACHERS PLEASE NOTE

For clarity, the italicized areas in the Planning Ahead section indicate supplies that are in—and should be returned to—your classroom SHARED SUPPLY bag.

Background Information/Teacher Helps

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After God led His people out of Egypt He gave them His Law through His servant, Moses. Through the Law God showed His people how they were to relate to Him and to each other. The Law is a reflection of God's character. When God gave the Law, He knew we wouldn't and couldn't keep it.

"When people understand the full meaning of the Law, they stop trying to be self-righteous by their own human effort and cry out to God for help. Sin was forgiven in the Old Testament only by trusting in God and using His Provision in the temporary sacrificial system (see Hebrews 10:4). Why would God give His People the sacrificial system if He expected them to keep the Law? The Law points them to God but access to God has always been on the basis of faith. If we allow God's Law to do its job in our hearts, it will drive us to the Messiah, who is God's Provision, the One Perfect Sacrifice (see Hebrews 10:12)."

The New Testament clarifies the purpose of the Law. When Christ was asked which is the greatest commandment in the Law, He responded, "You shall love your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great foremost commandment. And second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend the whole law and Prophets" (Matthew 22:36-40). Paul says in Romans 13:10, "Love does no wrong to a neighbor, love therefore is the fulfillment of the law." And in Romans 5:20-21 he says the law reveals our sin and ultimately our need for Christ. It serves as our tutor to lead us to Christ (Galatians 3:24-25). Once we have met Christ, we no longer need a tutor because Christ has made us right with God and we now have the Holy Spirit to empower us to resist sin and obey God. It is now possible to love God and our neighbor through the freedom that comes through God's unconditional acceptance.

Additional Reading: Matthew 5:13-48; John 13:1-17; Romans 5:8, 20-21, 6:14, 7:9-13, 10:4; Galatians 3:10-14; Colossians 2:13-15

[1] Martha McCallum, Jane Hamblin, God's Incredible Plan, p. 47.

Set Up

- The week before class: Pray for the members of your teaching team and your CT director.
- The day of class: Cut heart stickers apart for Learning Activity #1.

Incorporation Lg. Group

Activity Station:

• Game – Teacher Says

- **Instructions:** The teacher will call out a task and the children will try to do it. Some of the tasks will be possible and some impossible for the children. The goal is for the children to recognize that they can't always do everything they are told to do. Some suggested tasks are: wiggle nose, open and shut fingers, wiggle ears, hop on one leg, clap hands, stand on head, jump up and down, touch toes, touch knee to nose, wiggle tongue, smile, frown, count to 10.

Introduction Lg. Group

Do you know what it means to be “perfect?” Let’s play a game. I want you to sit perfectly still and perfectly straight and perfectly quiet. You can’t move or make a noise even if I make funny faces like this! (Make a very funny face. Let the children sit for a minute.) It’s impossible to sit perfectly still and perfectly quiet for very long, isn’t it?

Do you know that no one can do everything perfectly all the time? We can’t share our toys perfectly. We can’t obey our parents perfectly. We can’t love our friends perfectly. The Bible says that “We all make bad choices and can’t keep God’s perfect law.” That’s because only God is perfect.

Do you remember Moses? Moses was the man who led God’s people away from the mean, cruel Pharaoh.

It was time for Moses to go to the very top of a mountain so God could talk to him. So Moses climbed and climbed and climbed. Let’s all stand up and pretend we’re Moses climbing that big mountain. (Have children stand up and climb in place. Ham it up and pretend to be out of breath, working very hard to get uphill.) Okay, now we’re all tired out but we have made it to the top of that mountain. Let’s sit down and listen to what God has to tell us. This is Moses and God told him 10 very important rules (show picture of Moses on the mountain). These rules were about loving God and other people. God wrote His rules on stone tablets for Moses to take back down the mountain so the people could have with them. The Bible calls these rules the 10 commandments.

Let me tell you some of those rules.

- One of God’s rules is to children. It says to always honor your mommy and daddy even when you don’t want to.
- Another one of God’s rules is to not wish for something someone else has. Have you ever wanted the big ice cream cone that your friend is eating? Have you ever wanted a toy a friend is playing with? I have!

Lesson Lg Group

Lesson Continued

Lots of times I get mad at my mom and dad because they won't let me do something I want to do, so I don't obey them. Lots of times I wish I could have things that my friends have and I get mad at them and try to take things from them. I don't love them.

So God's rules are very good, but we can't keep them all the time. The Bible says that "We all make bad choices and can't keep God's perfect law." Only God is perfect. And do you know what? God knew even before He gave us these rules that we would not be able to keep them. But Jesus was perfect and He did keep God's rules perfectly. So, when Jesus died on the cross for us He was punished for all our bad choices. If we tell Jesus we want Him to forgive us for our bad choices, He will forgive us and we will have the Holy Spirit, who helps us make good choices and follow God.

Let's pray and thank God that He is perfect and loves us perfectly all the time, even though we are not perfect and can never be perfect!

Transition

Let's make a craft to remind us that only God is perfect.

Learning Activity#1

Craft – Color Page

Instructions: Color the pictures and give each child 4 heart stickers to put on the page. Color the stickers. As the children work on this, discuss the points from the lesson and ask them to tell you what each picture means. God gave Moses the 10 rules. We can't keep those rules but Jesus was perfect so He could die for our bad choices. When we have a relationship with God, the Holy Spirit helps us to follow God.