



TEN COMMANDMENTS

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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 live a perfect life and die for our sins so we can be forgiven.

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 #2: <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 #2.

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.

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? Who can tell me one thing you know about Moses?

Moses led God’s people out of the land of Egypt where they had been slaves. Does anyone remember how those people got across the Red Sea? That’s right, Moses stepped in the water and God made a big wind blow so that there was a big, dry path across the sea. When the Egyptians chased God’s people across the sea the wind stopped and the water crashed back down. God’s people were safe from the Egyptian soldiers.

It was time for Moses to go to the top of a mountain so God could talk to him. On the top of that mountain God gave Moses 10 very important rules (show picture of Moses on the mountain). These rules were about how the people should love God and other people. God wrote His rules on stone tablets for Moses to take back down the mountain for the people to have with them. The Bible calls these rules the 10 commandments.

Let me tell you some of those rules.

- The first one is to love God more than anyone or anything else.
- Another one of God’s rules is to children. It says to honor your father and mother.

Lesson Lg Group

Lesson Continued

- Do not covet is another one of God's rules. Covet means to want something that belongs to someone else. Have you ever wished you could have what 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?

Lots of times I forget that God loves me and wants to take care of me so I don't love Him more than anything else. Lots of times I get mad at my mom and dad and I have a bad attitude so I don't honor them. Lots of times I wish I could have things that my friends have and I get jealous of them. When I am jealous of my friends I don't love them.

So God's commandments are very good, but they are impossible for us to keep. Sometimes I don't even want to try to keep them at all. Sometimes I want to have things my way and I don't care about God or other people. I just care about myself. That's because I am not perfect. The Bible says that no one is perfect. The Bible says "We all make bad choices and can't keep God's perfect law." Do you know that God knew even before He gave us these commandments that we would not be able to keep them? Jesus was perfect and He did keep God's law perfectly. We are not perfect and we can't keep God's law. So, Jesus died on the cross for us. When He died on the cross He paid for all the sin and bad choices we make. If we tell Jesus we want Him to forgive our sin, we will be forgiven and we will have the Holy Spirit with us to help us every day to 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!

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

Craft – Booklet

Instructions: Give each child the printed page with two pictures printed on each side. Fold the page in half with the picture of Moses and the tablets on the front. Color the pictures and give each child 4 heart stickers to put on the back page. ("When we have a relationship with God, the Holy Spirit helps us to follow God.") Color the stickers. They will have a booklet that shows the sequence of the lesson. As the children work on their booklet, discuss the points from the lesson and ask them to tell you what each picture means.

Page 1 – God gave Moses the 10 commandments.

Page 2 – We aren't perfect.

Page 3 – Jesus was perfect so He could die for ALL of our bad choices.

Page 4 – When we have a relationship with God, the Holy Spirit helps us to follow God.

Transition

Learning Activity#1