

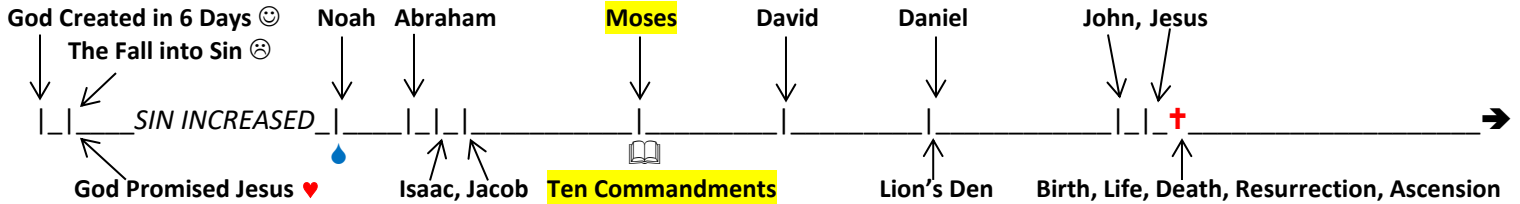
Week 12 Parent Sheet: The Ten Commandments

Exodus Chapters 19-20

Bethlehem Family Childcare – Wednesdays: Story Time (9:30-10:00) and Bible Time (10:00-10:30)

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The Old Testament focuses on the fall into sin, the promise of the Savior, and the many events pointing ahead to the Savior; it covers approximately 4,000 years of history; this timeline shows some key events from creation to Jesus!



Background: God used Moses to lead the descendants of Jacob/Israel out of their slavery in Egypt; then, at Mount Sinai, God gave them the Ten Commandments!

This Lesson: The Commandments were given to instruct God's people how to show love to God and to others!

The Ten Commandments:

- 1. What word summarizes the Ten Commandments?**
"Love"
- 2. How does God love us?**
 - a. God *FIRST* loved us by **CREATING** us!
 - b. God *CONTINUES* to love us by:
 - i. **PROVIDING** all that we need for this life!
 - ii. **SENDING JESUS** to take away our sins!
- 3. Who do the Ten Commandments tell us to love?**
God and Others
- 4. Why do we try to keep the Ten Commandments?**
 - a. To thank God for loving us!
 - b. To show our love to God (1-3)! 
 - c. To show our love to others (4-10)!
- 5. How are the Ten Commandments like a mirror?**
 - a. They show us our SIN – because we cannot perfectly keep them! Our sins make us dirty!
 - b. They show us our need for God's forgiveness through Jesus! Jesus washes us clean! **Why?**
 - i. Jesus is the Son of God!
 - ii. Jesus lived without sin as our substitute!
 - iii. Jesus was punished for our sins!
 - iv. Jesus rose from the dead to show His victory!
 - v. Jesus made the one way to heaven!
- 6. What are the Ten Commandments? (The words in parenthesis summarize each Commandment):**
 - 1:** You shall have no other gods. (God)

2: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. (God's Name)

3: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (God's Word)

4: Honor your father and your mother. (God's Representatives)

5: You shall not murder. (God's Gift of Life)

6: You shall not commit adultery. (God's Gift of Marriage)

7: You shall not steal. (God's Gift of Possessions)

8: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. (God's Gift of a Good Reputation)

9: You shall not covet your neighbor's house. (God's Gift of Contentment)

10: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. (God's Gift of Contentment)

Note: Some church bodies number the commandments differently, but that is not significant – because the Bible DOES NOT number the commandments. Instead, these things are significant:

- God gave the commandments so that people would know how to love God – by keeping them.
- However, since we have all fallen short of keeping them perfectly, God sent His Son to live, suffer, and die to take away all sins; then He rose victorious!
- We should do our best to keep the commandments, but it is *ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT* to repent, trust in Jesus alone for eternal life, and honor Him in our lives!

Are you sure about your entrance into heaven through Jesus? Confused? Need help? Let me know:

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