

Learn About Commandments

Commandments are rules that God has given us to follow. Obeying commandments does not earn our way to heaven, but it pleases God. Jesus gave us two important commandments, and God gave the ten commandments to Moses.

Jesus' First Commandment (Loving God)

Love the Lord your God with all your **heart**, with all your **soul**, and with all your **mind**. Matthew 22:37

Ten Commandments 1 - 4 (Loving God)

Read each commandment, and decide if each example shows obeying or disobeying the commandment.

1. **Worship only God.** (Exodus 20:4)

2. **Do not worship idols.** (Exodus 20:7)

In Bible times an idol was a statue that people believed was a god and worshipped. But an idol can be anything that we make more important than God.

+ = not worshipping an idol; **X** = worshipping an idol

_____ A Bible person bows down to a statue.

_____ Tom loves his fancy sports car so much that he spends all his time and money on it.

_____ Nancy loves her favorite singer so much that she would rather go to a concert than do anything else.

3. **Don't use God's name in the wrong way.** (Exodus 20:8)

Using God's name as a bad word or in anger is using it the wrong way.

+ = using God's name the right way; **X** = using God's name the wrong way

_____ Joe hit his thumb with his hammer and yelled out Jesus' name as a bad word.

_____ Mr. Smart saw the neighbor's dog digging in his yard and used God's name as part of the angry words he yelled at the dog.

_____ Mrs. Nelson fell and hurt her leg, so she prayed, "God, please send someone to help me."

4. **Keep the Sabbath day holy.** (Exodus 20:9)

In Bible times the Sabbath was Saturday, but now we use Sunday as the day of worship and rest.

+ = keeping Sunday holy; **X** = using Sunday the wrong way

_____ The Chen family went to church Sunday morning and then played games together in the afternoon.

_____ The Moore family went camping every weekend and never went to church.

_____ The Moomey family had a store that was open every day. They were too busy making money to go to church.

Answers: **2.** x, x, x; **3.** x, x, +; **4.** +, x, x

Jesus' Second Commandment (Loving Others)

Love your neighbor as you love yourself. Matthew 22:39

Ten Commandments 5 - 10 (Loving Others)

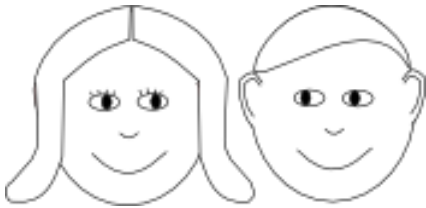
Read each verse, and complete each commandment using the word list.

5. Honor your _____
and your _____.

Exodus 20:12



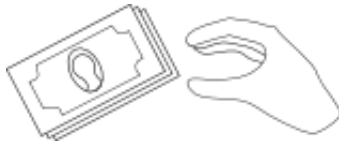
6. Do not _____. Exodus 20:13



7. Do not break your _____
_____. Exodus 20:14

8. Do not _____.

Exodus 20:15



9. Do not _____.

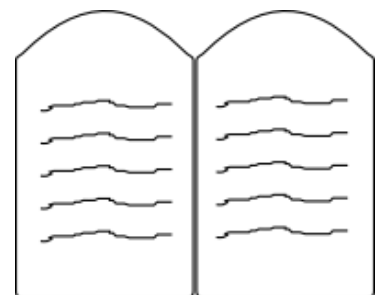
Exodus 20:16



10. Do not _____ (want other people's stuff). Exodus 20:17

Word List:

mother	marriage
covet	kill
father	lie
	promises
	steal



Love God, and love other people!