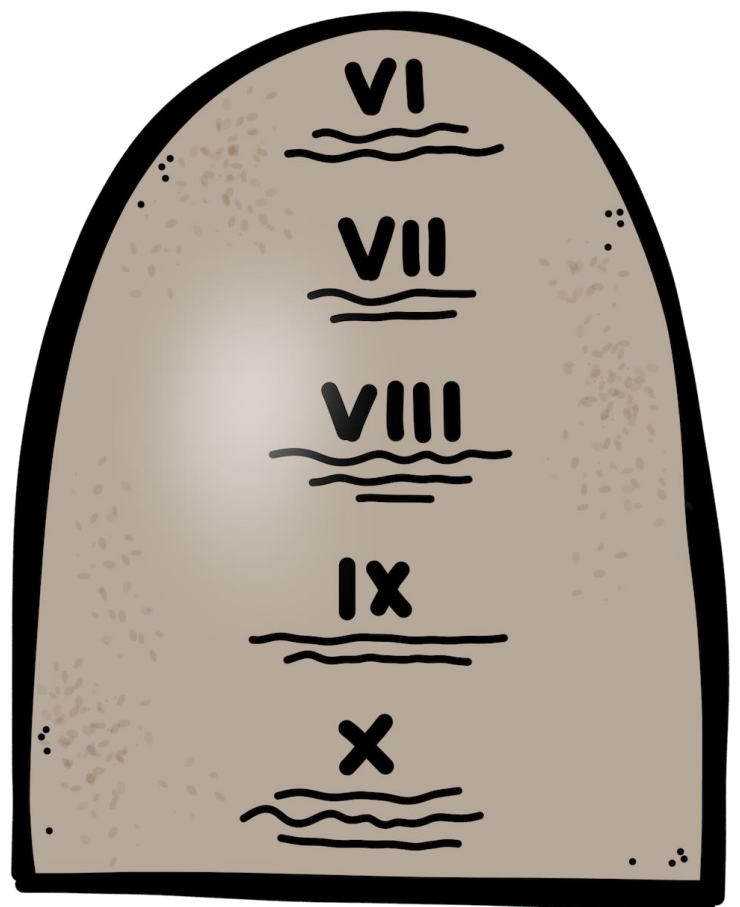
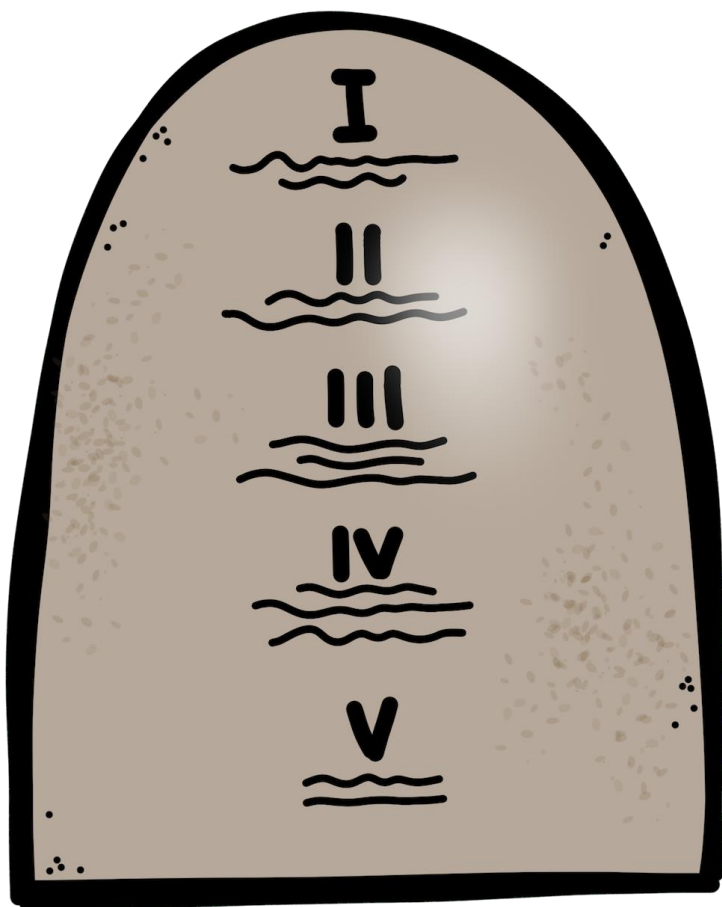


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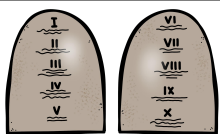
THE TEN

COMMANDMENTS

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS



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The Ten Commandments

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group together and read the story of the Ten Commandments from your children's Bible. You can also read it directly from your preferred translation of the Bible in Exodus 20.

If you'd rather watch the story, many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Try searching "The Ten Commandments Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Be sure to watch the video fully before showing it to your class to be sure it's appropriate.

Background Information

On Top of the Mountain

About three months after leaving Egypt, the people camped near Mount Sinai. Moses met God on top of the mountain. Moses went up and down the mountain, hearing what God had to say and telling the people about it. God gave the Ten Commandments, but he also gave other instructions. These are outlined in Exodus 20-31. Some examples of the instructions include laws for justice and instructions for building God's Tabernacle.

God's Power

Before Moses went up the mountain, God demonstrated His great power. There was thunder, lightning, a thick cloud, and a loud blast from a trumpet. There was fire, and the mountain shook. (Exodus 19:16-18).

Why so many rules?

If you look through the instructions God gave, you might think there were a lot of rules for the people to follow. God had the people's best interests at heart. God cared for His people and wanted them to live good lives. God's laws were there to help society function in a respectful and honoring way.

The rules were also there to help show people their need for a Savior. No one could follow all the rules perfectly. No one was perfect enough to have a relationship with God without offering sacrifices (there were many instructions about sacrifices that God gave on the mountain as well). Jesus came to be the perfect person who would bridge the gap between God and people.

Did You Know God Had to Write the Tablets TWO Times?

While Moses was on top of the mountain, the people became impatient. They had Aaron (Moses' brother) form a golden calf to worship. After God had finished writing the commandments on the tablets for the first time, Moses walked down the mountain, saw the Golden Calf, and was enraged. He threw the tablets onto the ground, and they broke. Exodus 32 tells the whole story of the Golden Calf).

Later, in Exodus 34, God wrote the commandments again on two new tablets.

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. Don't want to print it out? Try mapping the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

The Ten Commandments: Quickly map out the four main parts of the story.

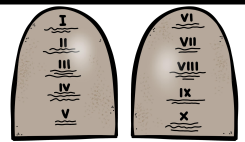
1. The people camp near Mount Sinai
2. God comes down in cloud/fire/thunder
3. Moses climbs the mountain to meet with God
4. Moses received the Ten Commandments

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS	
QUESTION #1 Why did Moses climb Mount Sinai?	QUESTION #2 How did God appear to Moses?
QUESTION #3 What material did God write the Ten Commandments on? Why do you think this is?	QUESTION #4 What are some of the Ten Commandments? Do you find any of them difficult to obey? Why?

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Step Three: Teach the commandments and do a craft.

Explore the Commandments

The language used in the Ten Commandments may be unfamiliar to many students. Take some time to talk through the Ten Commandments using the background information in Step One. Use the poster provided to lead a discussion on what it looks like to love God and love others by following these rules.

The posters come in three versions: NIV, KJV, and kid-friendly language. Use one or more as a visual aid as you discuss the commandments. Consider sending a copy home with each child.



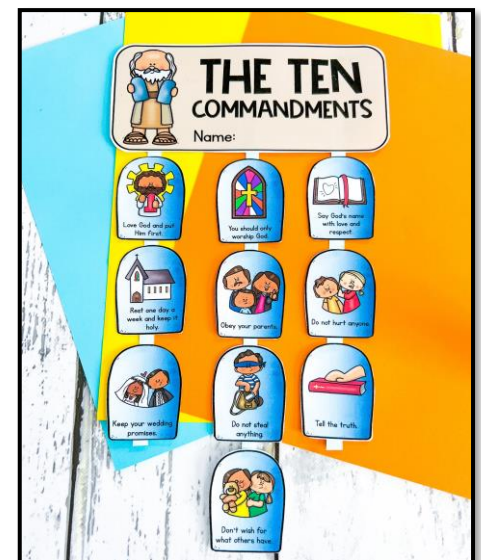
Ten Commandment Craft

Kids will make a craft showing the Ten Commandments in kid-friendly language. Print each child a craft template in your preferred version. One version includes a blank space for kids to draw their own pictures, the other version already includes pictures on each tablet. Then, follow the instructions below to assemble the craft.

Step One: Cut out each commandment as well as the title card. If you're using the black-and-white version, color each piece.

Step Two: Cut out three thin paper strips and glue them to the title card. Glue 3-4 commandments on each strip.

Step Three: Add your name and display your craft proudly.



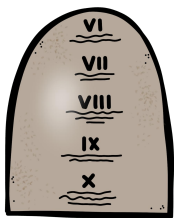
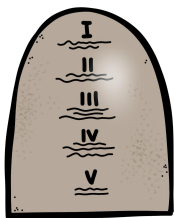
Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

The 'Ten Commandments' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

And God spoke all these words: "I am the Lord your God..." Exodus 20:1-2a (NIV)

Big idea suggestion: God wants us to obey His commands.



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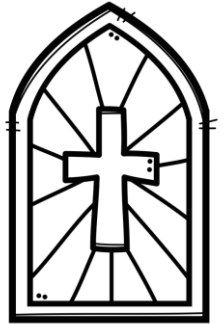
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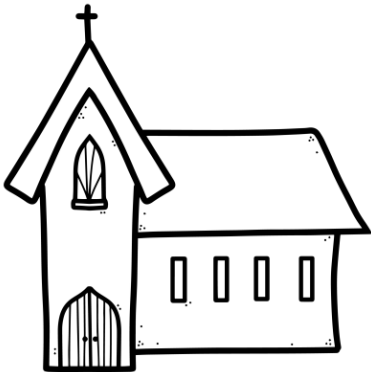
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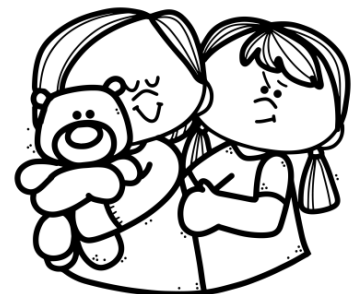


Keep your wedding promises.



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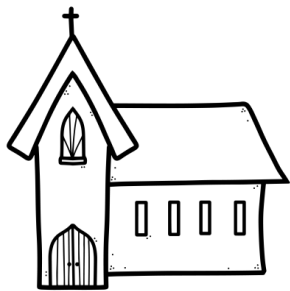
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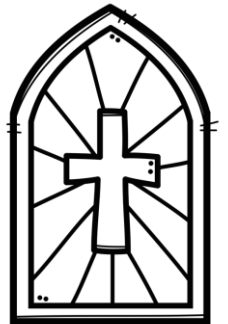


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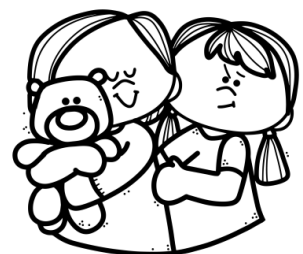
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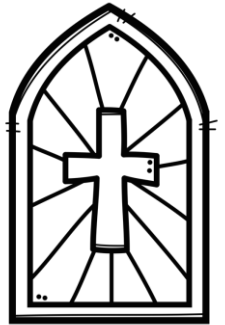
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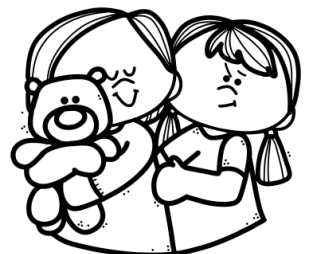


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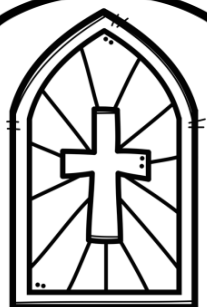


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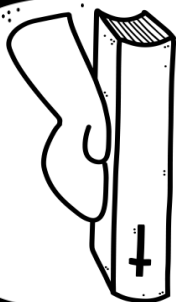
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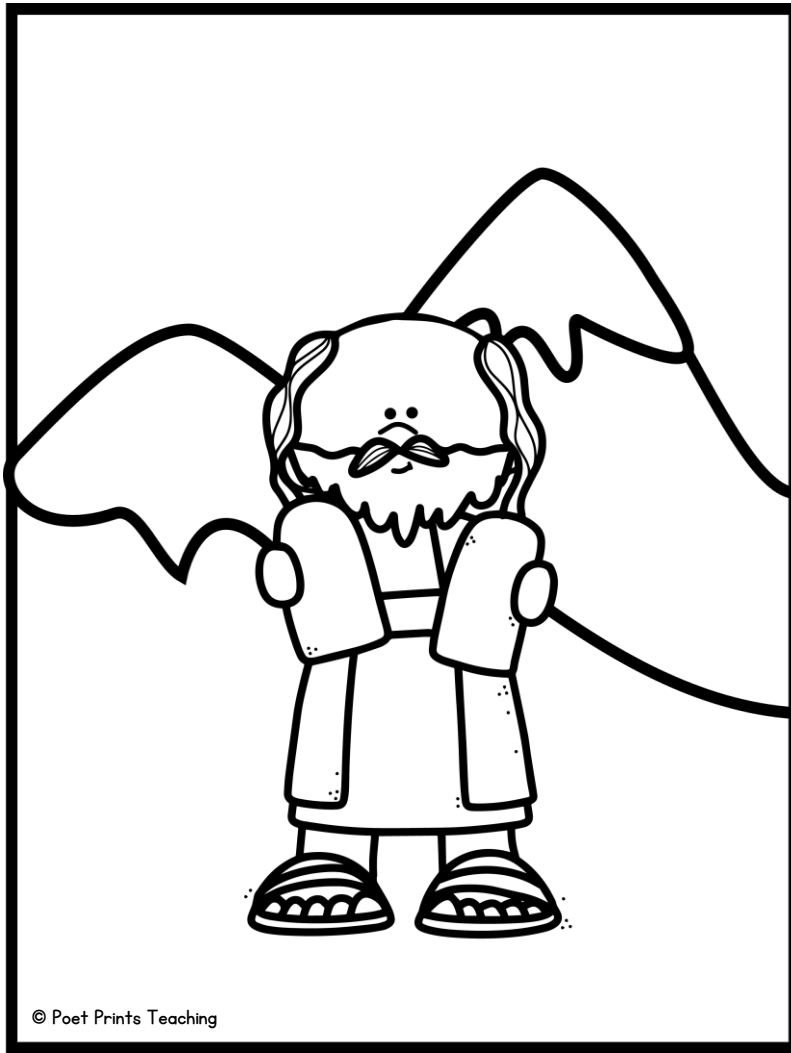


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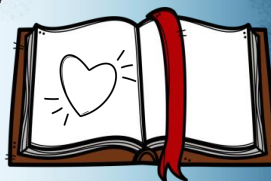
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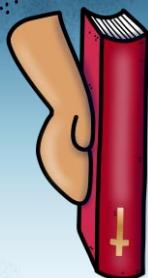
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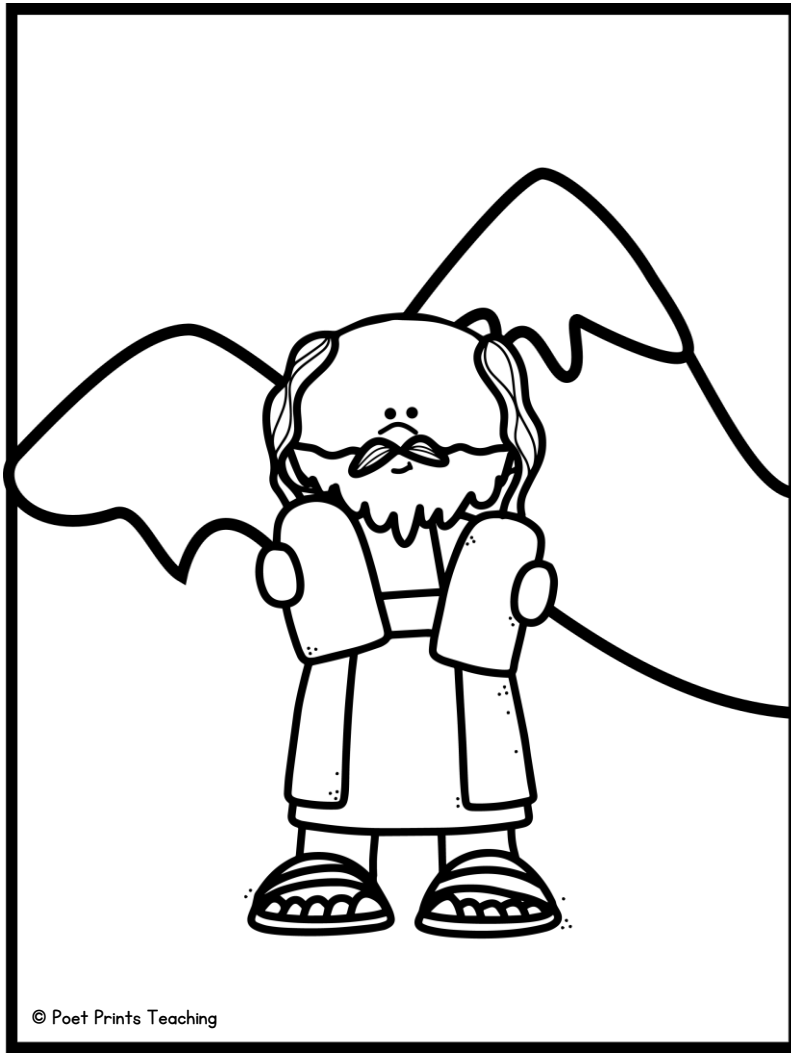


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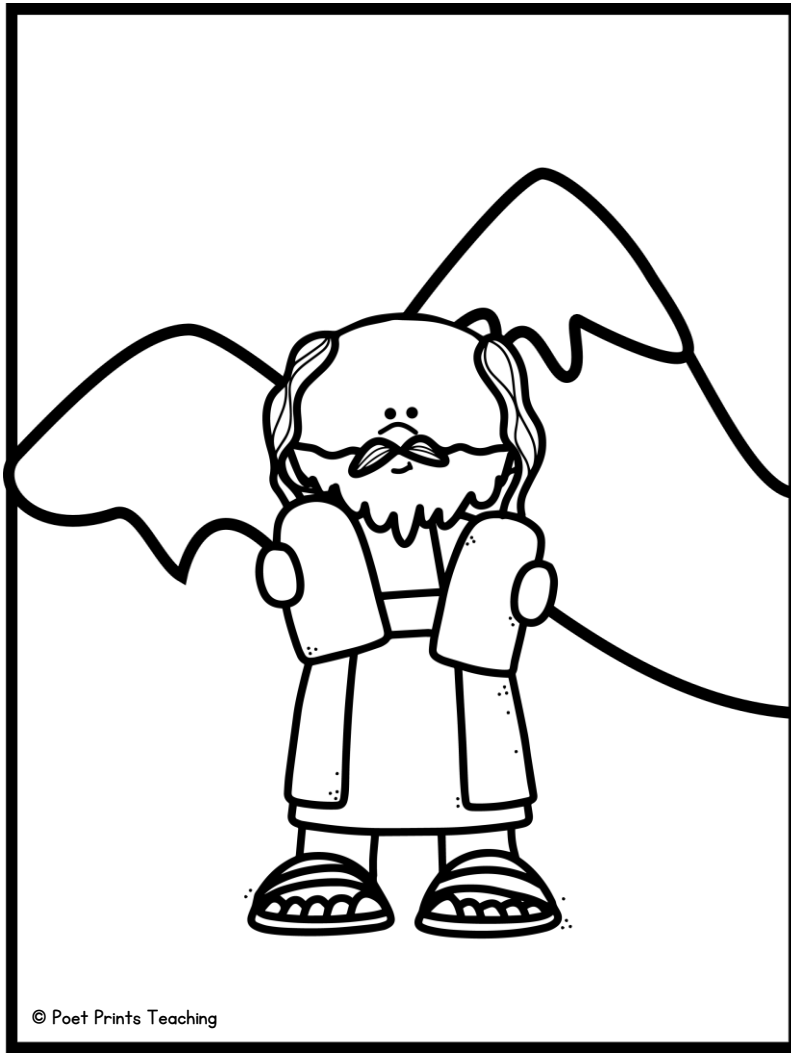
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