



3RD - 5TH



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

Why do we have rules? How are rules important? What are some of the rules you have in your home?



DON'T MISS

Start by 9:20/10:45

Utilize the pop dart area for this challenge. Form kids into two teams about six to eight feet away from the targets. Challenge kids to hit the center of a circle three times in a row. Optional: set a timer to allow all kids to have a turn at least once.

It was challenging to hit the circle every time! Now, imagine trying to perfectly obey God's commands all the time—hundreds of them! It would be impossible because every person is a sinner. Yet, God gave His people laws even though He knew they would not obey them perfectly. Today, we'll see how the law was never meant to save people from their sin. However, we will see how *God gave commands to His people to show them how to love Him and others.* We'll learn Jesus fulfilled the law for us so that by faith in Him, we can desire to follow God's commands.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

Guide kids to open their Bibles to Exodus 20. Tell kids that the Bible not only tells us the Ten Commandments God gave to Moses, but it also gives us more commands God gave. Discuss how God gave many commands to His people, emphasizing God's holiness and desire for His people to love others. Read aloud Exodus 20:18-21 and have the kids read aloud with you as you read.

- God's presence on Mount Sinai terrified the people. **Why did they say they didn't want God to speak to them?** [Allow responses.] They were afraid they would die! God is holy, and people are separated from Him because they are sinners.
- **How did the people feel when God showed His power on Mount Sinai?**
- **Who makes it possible for us to come close to God without being afraid?** Jesus came down and made the way for anyone who trusts in Him to be with God. Through Jesus, we don't have to be terrified of God's anger over sin.



DISCUSSION

God gave commands to His people to show them how to love Him and others. **How does obeying them show we love God and others? For example, how does not being jealous show we love God and others?** Discuss how jealousy shows that we are not content with what God gave us and think we deserve or need something someone else has. Tell kids that when we don't act in a jealous way, we reveal hearts that show we trust God loves us and has given us what we need. We show love to our neighbor when don't become bitter toward them for having what we do not. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Rom. 13:10.)

Should we desire to obey God's commands? Why? Discuss how obedience to God's commands reveals that we love God and others. Tell kids that only obedience through faith in Christ pleases God because we are obeying with a heart that has been changed by the gospel. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 John 5:2.)

Why is it important that Jesus never sinned? Help kids understand that for sins to be forgiven, there must be a perfect sacrifice. Discuss how the Bible tells us that Jesus is the perfect sacrifice because He never sinned. Because of Jesus' perfect life, death, and resurrection, all sinners who trust in Him will be forgiven. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read 1 Pet. 1:18-19.)



MAKE A MATCH

Form kids into pairs and give each kid a set of "Ten Commandments Memory Game" cards. Direct kids to shuffle the cards and place them face down (five rows of four) on the table. Direct kids to take turns flipping over cards one at a time to find a match. If a match is found, kids go again. If no match is found, the cards are returned to their place, and the other kid takes a turn. Challenge kids who find a match to say the commandment out loud represented by the picture.

When God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He wrote them on a set of two stone tablets. Both tablets were kept in the ark of the covenant. The tablets were written on stone to show they would be a permanent covenant between God and Israel. Yet, even though Israel would fail to obey God and break the covenant, God would always keep His promises. Just as He said, He sent Jesus to rescue people from their sins.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers. Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.