



K - 2ND

5.1
The Ten
Commandments



CONNECT TIME

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

What are some rules you have at your house? Why do you think the adults in your life have rules they expect you to follow?



NAME THE RULES

Start by 9:20/10:45

List different activities and ask kids to help make rules that would be good and helpful. If they have trouble thinking of rules, give them a few ideas to help. You can use situations like these:

- Skating at a skateboard park
- Sailing on a boat
- Hiking in the woods
- Swimming in the ocean
- Shopping at a store

Some of the rules you listed may be rules your parents or other adults have asked you to obey. We often have rules because they help keep us or other people safe. We would probably want to have a rule that you must wear a helmet if you skateboard because you don't want your head to get injured. God also gave certain rules or commands for His people. Today, we'll learn that God gave commands to His people to show them how to love Him and others.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Tell kids there are hundreds of laws in Exodus and Leviticus. If you have a Bible, show the kids where these books are in the Bible.

Read Exodus 19:4-6

- What did God say He did to help His people? (He rescued them and brought them to Himself.)
- God said He carried His people on "eagles' wings." What do you think that means?
- What does God call His people? (His special treasure.)
- How should God's people listen and obey Him?
- Leader: **God brought His people to Himself—who brings us to God today? Jesus brings us to God today through His sacrifice on the cross. This helps us no longer be separated from God because of our sin.**



DISCUSSION

Is reading the Bible important? Why?

God made everything, so He knows what is best. God gave us the Bible to help us know Him. The Bible tells us we all sin and need help. God sent Jesus to save us. The Bible also teaches us how to live in a way that pleases God.

Are any of the Ten Commandments hard for you to obey? Which ones? Why?

(It may be helpful to review what the ten are before asking this question. See Exodus 20) God gives us rules, but we all mess up sometimes. Our hearts like to do things our own way. We can't obey God perfectly or save ourselves. Only Jesus obeyed God perfectly, and when we trust Him, He makes us right with God.

Why does obeying God show that we love Him?

We don't obey God to make Him love us—God already loves us! We obey God to show that we love Him. Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will obey Me." When we obey God, we are trusting His way is best and He is good.



COMMANDMENT DRAW

Invite kids to draw a tile from the bag. When someone draws a tile with Moses on it, he must state one of the ten commandments. Continue passing the bag around the table and having kids name a different commandment each time a Moses tile is drawn. When the bag is empty, replace the tiles and start again. Play as long as there is time.

Deuteronomy 8:6 says, 'So keep the commands of the Lord your God by walking in His ways and fearing Him.' Obeying God's commands doesn't earn God's love, but shows we fear Him or love Him above all else. God's commands are for our good and help us live rightly. Faith in Jesus helps us obey God's commands and live to please Him.



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.