

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 20:3)

2. **Do not worship idols.** (Exodus 20:4)

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.

+ = worshipping only God; X = worshipping an idol

___ An Old Testament 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 20:7)

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 20:8)

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

Answers: 2, X, X, X, 2, 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:

covet

father

mother

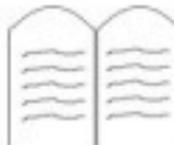
kill

lie

marriage

promises

steal



Love God, and love other people!