

JANUARY 30

## GOD GAVE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (EXODUS 19-20)

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### RECAP

#### Christ Connection

God's rules are good, but people cannot obey them perfectly. Only Jesus obeyed God perfectly. We can trust Him to forgive our sin.

#### Big Picture Question:

*What is worship? Worship is celebrating the greatness of God.*

#### Key Passage Phrase:

Let us worship God. Psalm 135:5-6

## THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

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### FAMILY WORSHIP

*Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together:*

**Read all or parts of Exodus 19-20 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.**

Have you ever played a game with someone who added rules to the game or changed them as the game went on? Without knowing the rules, you can't know when you do something wrong or why you might get penalized. It's also not fair if the rules change and other players get a chance that you didn't get. It can be very frustrating not knowing the rules. You just wish you knew what is required in order to win the game.

God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments to help them know what is required for a person to be righteous. Everyone had the same commandments, and they didn't change. The first four commandments showed the Israelites what it meant to love God and how to have a right relationship with Him. The other six commandments taught the Israelites how to live with and love others.

God's rules are good and are meant to help us love Him, love others, and live a life that is righteous. There was one big problem though. None of the Israelites—and none of us for that matter—could ever perfectly follow those rules. The Bible is clear that we all sin and fall short of God's standard for holiness. Our obedience can't save us.

Instead, salvation is found in Jesus alone, the only perfectly righteous One. He takes away the sin of anyone who believes and welcomes him or her into God's family. To those who believe in Him, Jesus gives power through the Holy Spirit to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

**God's law shows us what He requires. Our sin separates us from a holy God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and gives us His perfect righteousness.**

***Pray:** God, thank You for giving us the commandments to show us what it means to live a righteous life. We all sin and fail to live in perfect obedience, but You loved us and sent Jesus to bring us to You. We praise You for crediting His righteousness to all who believe in Him.*

## FAMILY PRAYER

### Mornings

Thank God for the Bible that shows us what it means to be righteous. Praise Him for showing us how we can receive the righteousness of Jesus when we trust in Him. What does the Bible say about our ability to obey God? What did God do to bring us into a right relationship with Him?

### Evenings

Think through your day and take a moment to confess the ways you disobeyed God's commandments or failed to love Him or others. Thank God for Jesus, who took the punishment of sin and credits His perfect life to all those who trust in Him.

## FAMILY ACTIVITIES

### For Fun

Play a game of "Red Light, Green Light." Players move toward you when you call "Green Light," but must freeze immediately when you call "Red Light." If any player moves when you call "Red Light," the player is out of the game. Play a few rounds while increasing the frequency of commands to make the game increasingly difficult. Try to make it so no one can perfectly follow the calls to move. Discuss how hard it is to follow God's rules perfectly. Then talk about how Jesus kept all God's commandments perfectly on our behalf and how we are saved by grace—not by following rules.

### To Serve

Use a poster board to write out the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1-17. Over a 10-day period, study one commandment each day. Discuss how the commandment might help a person to love God, love others, or both. Talk with your kids about the ways we might disobey the commandment and how the commandment points us to Jesus as the only perfectly righteous One.

*Supplies: poster board, marker*