



God Gives the Ten Commandments

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:1-17

GOLDEN TEXT—"Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3).

OUR LESSON TALK

God gave the Israelites a list of rules to follow. We call these the Ten Commandments. Moses went up to Mount Sinai to receive the list from God. When he came down, he told the Israelites what God wanted them to do.

The first commandment is that we should not worship anything or anyone except God Himself. Anything else that we "worship" is called an idol. We do not bow down to golden idols like they did in the Bible, but we still have plenty of other idols.

It is easy to let friends, family, books, games, sports, or other things become more important to us than God. If we care more about these things than we do about God, they become idols! This is a sin.

God gave us rules because He loves us. He wants us to honor Him with our lives, treat other people kindly, and not lie, cheat, steal, or kill. If we love God, we will want to obey His commandments! Ask God to help you worship Him and nothing else.

SOMETHING TO DO

Draw a line from each commandment to its number in the Ten Commandments (see Exodus 20:3-17).

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| No adultery | Two |
| No lying | Eight |
| Honoring your parents | Three |
| No other gods | Ten |
| No swearing | Five |
| Honoring the Sabbath | Four |
| No killing | One |
| No graven images | Six |
| No stealing | Seven |
| No coveting | Nine |

Print T in front of true statements. Print F in front of false ones.

- ___ There are many gods we should worship.
- ___ The only idols are golden statues.
- ___ It is OK to have hobbies, as long as they are not more important than God.
- ___ If we love God, we will obey His commandments.

The words of the golden text are mixed up. Write them in the proper order on the lines.

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