



GraceLand Memory Verse

Dear God I bow down to You and worship You alone. I want You to be number one in my life. In Jesus name amen.

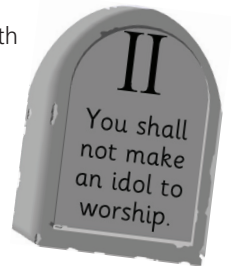
February 5, 2012 • Theme: The Big 10 (part 1 - commandments 1 & 2)

Focus: : For kids to understand the importance of worshipping only God and putting Him first in our lives.

Scripture: Exodus 20: 3-4
 "Do not worship any other gods besides me."
 "Do not make idols of any kind."

Life Application Summary: Exodus 20: 3 – The first commandment God gave Moses was the foundation for all the others: "Do not put any other gods in place of me: (Exodus 20:3). Before anything else, we need the right relationship within our hearts. This is for our good. If we put anything else in God's place, we're not trusting or putting our faith in God as our Father or letting Him love, guide, teach and protect us.

Exodus: 20: 4 – We can tell what's most important to folks by the way they act. The second commandment God gave is about: "Do not make statues (idols) of gods... Do not bow down to them or worship them" (Exodus 20: 4). If God is first in our hearts, He'll also be first in our actions. That means we won't have idols — things that are more important to us than God.



PRAISE

is powerful!
 Look for ways to praise God! ★

HONOUR

is letting someone know you see how valuable they really are.

February 12, 2012 • Theme: The Big 10 (part 2 - commandment 3)

Focus: For kids to understand that God's name is to be honored and not misused.

Scripture: Exodus 20: 7 – "Do not misuse the name of the LORD your God."

Jesus said... Matthew 5:34 – "But I say, don't make any vows! If you say, 'By heaven!' it is a sacred vow because Heaven is God's throne."

Life Application Summary: We honor God with our hearts and our actions. We must honor Him with our words too. The third commandment reminds us "Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God" (Exodus 20:7). We can misuse God's name in two ways. First, we can say false/wrong things about Him. Using God's name right means matching what we say with what we believe and know is true. Second, we can swear with God's name. When we use God's name like a swear word or when we're angry, it sounds like we're blaming God for our problems, saying he's cruel or unkind. When we misuse God's name, we're denying how powerful and incredible He is and much He loves us.



February



KID'S QUESTION... What does it mean to honor God with "all your might?"
HONOR GOD OUT LOUD.

February 19, 2012 • Theme: The Big 10 (part 2 – commandment 4)

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ASK GOD
to help you trust
and obey your
parents.



I will choose
to show love
because
**GOD LOVES
ME!**



Focus: For kids to understand that the Sabbath day is a day in our week that we're to keep holy.

Scriptures: Exodus 20:8 – "Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy."

Jesus said... Mark 2:27-28 – "The Sabbath was made to benefit people and not people to benefit the Sabbath. And I, the Son of Man, am master even of the Sabbath!"



Life Application Summary: The first 3 commandments are about our relationship with God. The last 6 commandments are about relationships with people. The 4th commandment "Remember to keep the Sabbath day holy" (Exodus 20:8), links the two kinds of commandments—like Jesus links us to God. The 4th commandment tells us we need Jesus. We can't obey the last six commandments if we're not obeying the first three. God knew the only way we could do that was to have His laws on our hearts. And that would only happen when Jesus paid for our sins. God made the world in 6 days. On the 7th day, God rested. Sabbath means rest. So when we look at the 4th commandment...we're to take a day of rest and observe it as holy.

One day a week, God's children meet together in churches, encouraging each other and remembering what Jesus did.

February 26, 2012 • Theme: The Big 10 (part 2 – commandment 5)

Focus: For kids to understand the importance of obeying and respecting their parents.

Scripture: Exodus 20:12 – Honour your father and mother. Then you will live a long time in the land your God is giving you.

Jesus said... Ephesians 6:1-3 – Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honour your father and mother which is the first commandment with a promise so that it may.

Life Application Summary: The 5th commandment is about how our obedience to God is worked out through people. If we honour our parents, we'll love, obey, listen to their guidance, and treat them well and with respect. When we put into practice good manners, kindness, compassion, no grumbling, polite voices, apologies, dropping something to do what we're told and listening well... these skills help things 'go well' for us because they don't apply to just parents, they're useful everywhere and with all people.

Pray... Dear God
help me to honour
my parents.
In Jesus name,
amen.

Every kid wants his parent to trust him to do the right thing. If you want to be treated with trust, you need to treat your parents with trust too. **This is one reason why God says you need to trust and obey them even when you don't understand why.** Obedience is a surefire way to show parents how much you value them - which is what kindness is all about.