



GOD GAVE MOSES THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: EXODUS 20:1-21

*Read an account to the class or retell the story in your own words.
The following are some ideas for creative ways that you can present this material.*

LESSON IDEAS

THE TEN COMMANDMENT GAME

Divide the class into two teams. See how many of the Ten Commandments they can remember. Give points for each one they get correct. Announce the winning team. Then, see who can explain each of the commandments. (For adultery explain it as stealing another man's wife.)

The Ten Commandments:

- Do not worship other gods
- Do not make idols to worship
- Do not take God's name in vain
- Keep the Sabbath day holy
- Respect your parents
- Do not murder
- Do not commit adultery
- Do not steal
- Do not tell lies about others
- Do not covet

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PUPPET SHOW

Supplies:

an old appliance with exposed wires (if you have an old appliance you can cut off the plug, strip the wires and use it in this skit or any old electronic apparatus with exposed wires)

Rules Shmules – The purpose of this puppet show is to demonstrate how rules protect us from harm.

Electrician: (This is an adult helper) Well, Teacher, I'll be back in a jiffy, I need to go get a part from my truck. There is only one rule while I'm gone, don't touch the wires. (He is fixing something with exposed wires.)

Teacher: Ok, Puppet and I will leave the wires alone. Right, Puppet?

Puppet: Yes, leave the wires alone.

Teacher: Oh, Puppet I'll be right back. Remember don't touch the wires.

Puppet: (Now alone) I wonder why they don't want me to touch the wires. I'll bet they think I am too young and I will break it or something. I bet I could fix that thing myself. Hey, look at those wires. I'll bet nothing would happen if I touch them. They are always giving me rules. Don't do this, and don't do that. I know what is good and what isn't good to do. They don't need to give me rules. (Puppet moves very close to wires and blows on them) There, nothing happened. They don't trust me. Why, I could touch these wires. (He moves his hands slowly to touch the wires and as soon as he touches them he screams, shakes violently, and falls down as dead.)

Teacher: Well, Puppet I'm . . . PUPPET! What happened? Oh no, he touched the wires! Quick, quick, somebody call a doctor!

Puppet: (rising slowly) Whaaatt happppppenned?

Teacher: That is what I want to know!

Puppet: I guess I should have listened and not touched the wires.

Teacher: Puppet, rules are for your good, to protect you from harm when you may not realize the danger. God gives rules and commandments to us and to our parents to mark dangerous areas that we might not think are so dangerous.

Puppet: From now on, I am going to follow the rules.

Ask the following questions:

- Why does God give us commandments? (To protect us from harm.)
- What does the Bible call it when we don't follow the rules? (Sin)
- Why do we need the rules? (We need the rules because we are blind to sin and cannot see the danger.)
- Why do we disobey the rules if we know they are from God? (We are sinful in our hearts and do not love God. We have a sinful nature inside which does not want to follow God's rules.)



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Where Is Jesus?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

God gave Moses the law so the people would know what was evil in the sight of the Lord. Furthermore, through the commandments they would learn how incapable they are of keeping the law. This was designed by God to point them to their need for a Savior. Ultimately the law points us to Christ, the only who was able to keep the law. Moses was the mediator of the Old Covenant. Jesus is the mediator of the New Covenant.

But the Scripture declares that the whole world is a prisoner of sin, so that what was promised, being given through faith in Jesus Christ, might be given to those who believe. Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. (Galatians 3:22-24)

