

# WEEK 1

## GOD IS HOLY GOD GIVES HIS LAW PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

### THE FOUR KEYS

#### KEY VERSE

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. Psalm 19:7

#### KEY IDEAS

1. God's law is perfect.
2. God's law shows us who He is.
3. God's law is the standard for how we live.

#### KEY PASSAGE

Exodus 20:1-17

#### KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God's law is perfect because He is perfect.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

amazed that we serve a perfect God whose Word never fails.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

understand the 10 commandments and why they were given.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to honor God by keeping His commands.

# INTRODUCTION

God is holy. This means that He is separate, or set apart, from all of creation. There is nothing else like Him in all of the universe and there is nothing that could ever compare to Him! He is complete and perfect in every way! God commanded His people to be “holy just as He is holy.” God desires us to be holy because He desires for us to have perfect fellowship with Him. He is the giver of life and of every good thing. On our own, as sinners, we can never be holy, but God gave us His law to show us who He is and that we need Him. God’s law shows us that it is only by His grace that we can be saved through the sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the cross for our sins.

## OPENING ILLUSTRATION

Begin class by using the road signs provided in the lesson packet to lead the children in a discussion about how road signs give us instructions on how we should drive. Following the signs keeps us safe. They are the standard for how we should drive on the road. Hold up each sign and explain its purpose. Then, explain that God’s law is like a road sign because it helps us know what God expects of us and shows us His standard for how to live holy or “set apart” for His purposes. Just like we don’t always follow the road signs perfectly, we don’t follow God’s laws perfectly either because we are sinners. God gave us His law to show us that we need a Savior, and our Savior is Jesus!

## STORY

Read Exodus 20:1-17. Use the Jesus Storybook Bible if you have it.

God gave His people the commandments as a gift, not to burden them, but to help them. In His great love for us, God has given us His law to show us that we are sinners in need of a Savior to rescue and free us from our sin. Without God’s law, we would not know that we need Him!

No person is able to obey all of God’s commands on their own strength, but with the power of Jesus, he or she can. When we have repented of our sin and placed our faith and trust in Jesus to forgive our sin, believing that His sacrifice on the cross was enough to pay our sin debt, we can live holy as God is holy! As God’s people, we have a responsibility to obey God’s commands and seek help from Him when we struggle. His Holy Spirit is always there to help us live for Him!

## ACTIVITY

Use the matching game in the lesson packet to practice the meaning of the 10 commandments. Explain what each one means as you go. Play a few rounds as time allows.

## PRAYER

Thank God that He gave His law as a gift to show us how much we need Him to be our rescue from sin. Ask God to help you trust Him and desire to keep His commands.

## SONG

10 Commandments by KidVue Songs

# FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Romans 7:12, Romans 1:20, 1 Peter 1:16, Leviticus 11:44

## ACTIVITY

Use the coloring sheet in your take home packet to discuss the 10 commandments with your child. As they color, use the questions below to help facilitate discussion about why God gave us His law.

## DISCUSSION

- What are the 10 Commandments? Can you name them all?
- Why did God give us commandments?  
God gave the 10 Commandments to Moses as a gift to show all people that we need a Savior who can rescue us from the bondage of sin. Jesus came to pay our sin debt, and by placing our faith and trust in Him, we can be forgiven.
- Can you follow all the commandments perfectly on your own?  
On our own, we desire sin. We cannot follow God's law and be holy as He is holy on our own strength. When we repent of our sin and trust Jesus for forgiveness of our sins, we are forgiven and the power of God's Holy Spirit helps us when we struggle to live holy and set apart.
- What does God want us to do when we mess up?  
Even as Christians, we mess up and sin. We live in a fallen world full of temptation and our sin nature still desires it sometimes. Until Jesus returns to restore the world and make all things new, we must rely on God to help us when we struggle. If we have placed our faith in Him, believing in His sacrifice for us on the cross, we remain children of God no matter what. He has paid for all sins past and present for those who believe, but we should still repent when we mess up. Then we can simply do better the next time by remembering the new life we've been given in Jesus.

## PRAYER

Thank God that His commandments are a gift and not a burden. Thank Him that His commands show us how good and perfect He is and how much we need Him. Ask God to help you trust in Him more and desire to live holy as He is holy.





Love God more than  
you love anything else.



Don't make anything  
in your life more  
important than God.



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you love anything else.



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in your life more  
important than God.



Always say God's  
name with Love and  
Respect.



Honor the Lord by  
resting on the seventh  
day of the week.



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Love and Respect your  
Mom and Dad



Never hurt anyone.



Love and Respect your  
Mom and Dad



Never hurt anyone.



Always be faithful to  
your husband or wife.



Don't take anything  
that is not yours.



Always be faithful to  
your husband or wife.



Don't take anything  
that is not yours.



Always tell the truth.



Be happy with what you  
have. Do not wish for  
other people's things.



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# The 10 Commandments



But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those who love me and obey my commands. -Deuteronomy 5:10

1 There is only 1 God, Put God 1st

2 Don't bow to idols

3 Don't take the Lord's Name in Vain

4 Keep the Sabbath Holy

5 One spouse for life

6 Do not Steal

7 Do not Murder

8 Honor your Father & Mother

Draw picture of your Father & Mother

9 Do not COVEY (WANT ENY) anything that is for another

10 Do not Bear False witness against others

11 So you can live a long, blessed life