

WEEK 2

GOD IS HOLY GOD'S LAW IS PERFECT PRIMARY LESSON GUIDE

THE FOUR KEYS

KEY VERSE

There is none holy like the Lord; for there is none besides You; there is no rock like our God.
1 Samuel 2:2

KEY IDEAS

1. God is perfect.
2. God's law is a gift, not a burden.
3. God's law shows us we need a Savior.

KEY PASSAGE

Exodus 20:1-17

KEY PRINCIPLES



EVERY CHILD SHOULD KNOW . . .

God's law is for our good.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD FEEL . . .

encouraged that God has made a way for us even though we aren't perfect.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD BE ABLE TO . . .

understand the 10 commandments and why they were given.



EVERY CHILD SHOULD WANT . . .

to follow God's law out of love, not obligation.

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 entering the room with something noticeably on your face. An example might be chocolate or a fuzzy peel and stick mustache. Pretend not to know that it is on your face and carry out the class as usual. As soon as the children notice and point it out, you might say something like "What on earth are you talking about? I don't have anything on my face!" Have some fun for a minute and then use a mirror (from the supply closet) to demonstrate how the mirror helps us see what we wouldn't normally be able to see. In the same way, God's law shows us our sin that we wouldn't see without it.

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

Using two backpacks, one heavy and one light, allow the children to take turns putting the backpacks on. Allow them first to put on the heavy backpack. Explain that this backpack carries our sins. Next, allow them to put on the lighter backpack and explain that this one holds God's law. Ask, "Which one is easier to carry? You wouldn't want to walk around all day with the heavy one on, right? God tells us His burden is light. It is easier to follow God than to live in sin."

PRAYER

Thank God that His law is a gift that He gave us to show us how much we need Jesus to save us from our sin by paying our sin debt on the cross. Ask God to help you trust in Him, believing that His law is for your good.

SONG

10 Commandments by KidVue Songs

FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

Psalms 16:11, Matthew 22:37, Matthew 11:30, 1 John 5:3

ACTIVITY

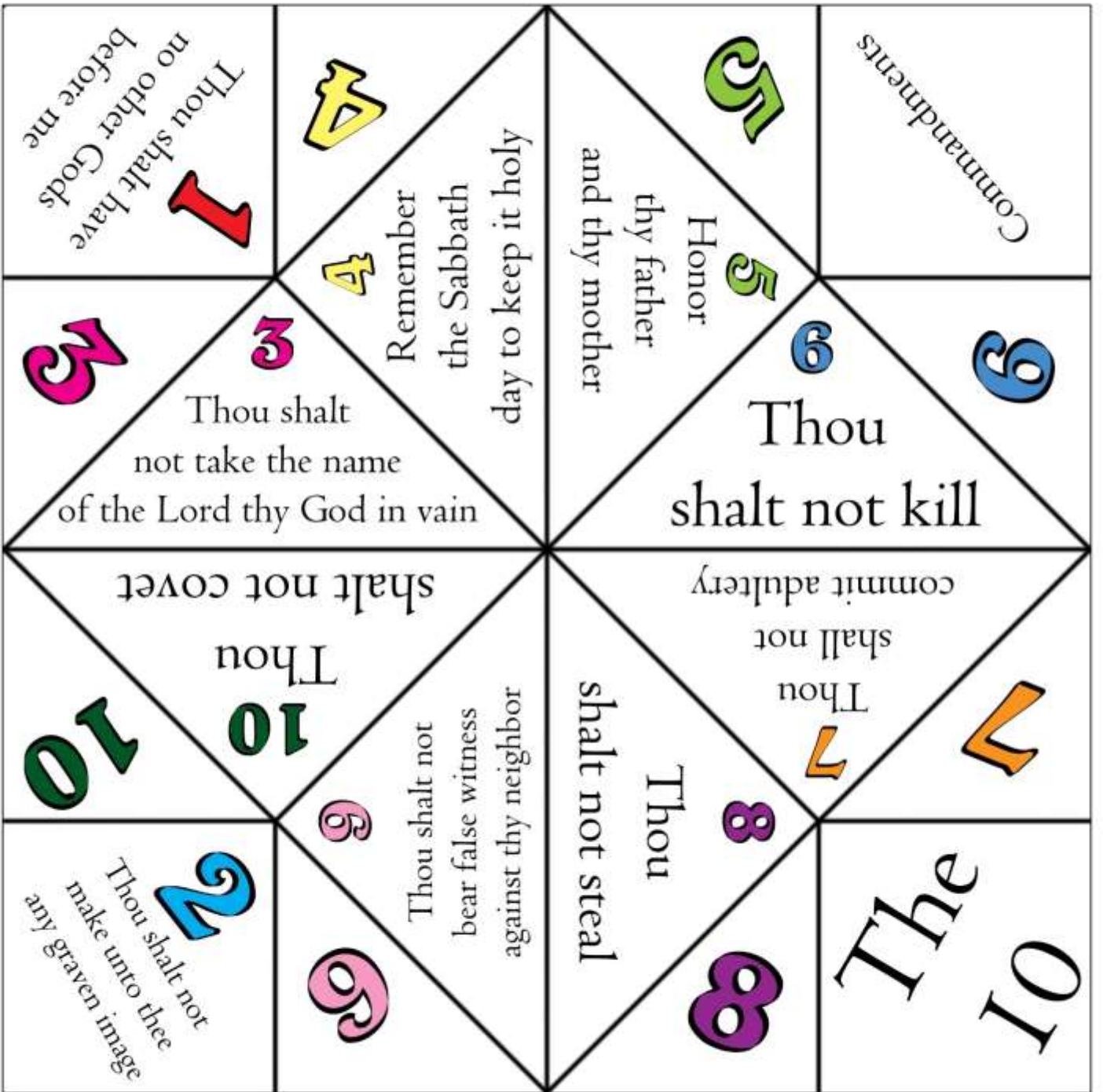
Using the “cootie catcher” activity in your take home packet, follow the instructions provided to help your child continue to work on learning the 10 Commandments. You can even use treats as incentive for getting them all correct!

DISCUSSION

- How is God’s law a gift?
God’s law is a gift because it shows us our sin and that ultimately shows us our need for a Savior.
- How does God’s law show us we need a Savior?
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.
- How can we know that God’s law is perfect?
God’s law is perfect because He is perfect. God is holy and there is none like Him that has ever been or could ever be. God is the Creator and Sustainer of life and all He gives is good. In a broken world, it can be hard to understand how all God gives is good, but God is not the author of evil. God allowed evil to be a possibility because He gave humanity the ability to choose whether or not to follow Him. God does not desire fellowship with robots! He created us out of love, died for our sins out of love, and calls us to obedience out of love.

PRAYER

Thank God that His commandments are perfect because He is perfect. Thank Him that His commands show us who He is and who He desires for us to be. Ask God to help you trust in Him more and desire to live holy as He is holy.



Cootie Catcher Instructions

To begin, turn the paper so the writing is down. Fold each of the four corners to the center of the paper.



Turn it over and fold all four corners to the center again, so that all you see on top is numbers.



Turn it over once more so you see four squares. Fold in half one way and then the other way to make the creases pliable. Stick your pointer and thumb from each hand in each section to create the origami as shown.



Moving your fingers back and forth horizontally and vertically will reveal the numbers inside. Have your child pick a number and try to remember that commandment. Lift the flap of the number to reveal the answer!