

10 COMMANDMENTS

1. I am the Lord your God, Do Not Have False Gods.

God made our world and created each one of us. He wants us to know that He loves us and that He will always be with us. There are times when we forget and we make other people and things more important. That is wrong.

2. Do Not Take God's Name in Vain.

Names are special. Your name is very special to you. Your name is what is used when people wish to talk to you. No one should dishonor anyone's name.

Especially God's name.

His name should be:

- Spoken with respect.
- Prayed to with care
- Asked for with love

3. Keep Holy the Lord's Day

Our Lord wants us to have a day of rest. A day when we can put aside our work and just think of how much we are loved by God. That special day is Sunday. That's the Lord's Day. We go to church on Sunday to spend time with Our God. We listen to God's Word at church and pray for each other.

4. Honor your Father and Mother

God gives you life but He shares that gift He has given with your Father and Mother. He wants them to show you how to love by the love they give to you and each other.

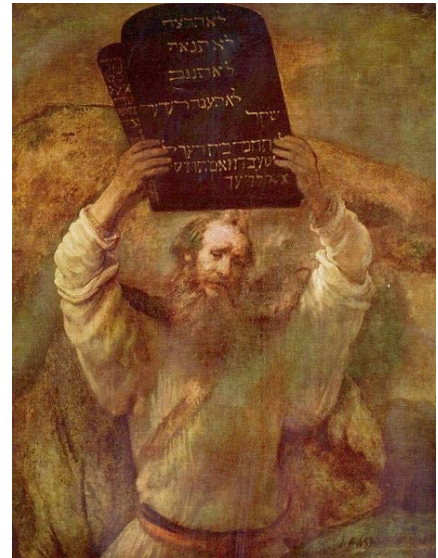
They are your best teachers. They teach you lots of wonderful things including how much God loves you.

Other people, like your grandparents or aunts and uncles, have that special gift from God also. They need to be treated with honor and respect, too.

5. Do Not Kill

God gave us life. He gave each of us this special gift and we should treat our lives and the lives of others with care and respect.

When we fight or do other disrespectful things, we are killing the special joy and peace that is given to us by God. Their life is precious, as ours is, and we must remember to honor that life.



6. Do Not Commit Adultery

This is mostly for married people. When two people get married, they promise to share their love only with each other. They must keep that promise.

When people aren't married, this commandment reminds us to honor ourselves and be sincere with our friends. We should be a true friend and not break promises and not lead our friends to break their promises.

7. Do Not Steal

We all have things that are special to us. Perhaps we have worked hard and earned it or perhaps it was a gift for Christmas or a birthday. Whatever the reason, we would never want what is ours to be taken from us.

To just take what is not ours is wrong. It is selfish and harmful. Everyone has a right to what belongs to them.

When we cheat, it's the same thing. When we are cheating to win a game, to get the right answer, whatever we cheat on, it's taking what is not ours.

8. Do Not Lie

The truth makes us happy and lies make us so sad. Lies hurt other people and they hurt us. There are times when we lie to get out of trouble. There are times when a lie seems to help. That isn't true. A lie always hurts the respect we have of ourselves and it usually hurts another person. A lie brings shame on us. A lie makes us sad.

When you tell other people's secrets, even if it's true, that hurts them. When we make them hurt, we hurt ourselves

9. Honor your Neighbor's Wife

Marriage is a special gift from God. Gifts always make us happy. This gift of marriage is very special between a man and a woman and God doesn't want any other man or woman to take this gift away.

10. Honor Your Neighbor's Goods

Many times, other people have really neat things. We might even wish that it was ours.

Many people are good in sports or have really wonderful clothes.

To want nice things for ourselves is okay. When we become mean or nasty to others that have what we would like to have, that's wrong. When we are unhappy and sulk because the other person is better in sports or wears better clothes than we wear, that's wrong.

We need to admire the things that other people have. We need to admire their special talents. We need to be happy for them. We need to thank God for the special gifts He has given us.