

Home Discipleship

Family Activities

Q: What does God require in the ninth and tenth commandments?

A: Ninth, that we do not lie or deceive. Tenth, that we are content, not envying anyone.

Key Verse: James 2:8

Key Passage: Exodus 20:1-17

Music: For each question there is a song that can be found on the New City Catechism App. Listen to the song for this question and sing it as a family. Songs have a unique way of helping ingrain truths into our hearts. Go back and listen to old songs and allow them to remind you of different things that we have already learned.

Coloring Activity: Coloring is a fun activity for all ages. And a great way to spend time thinking deeply about the spiritual truths that we have talked about today. On page 3 of this document you will find a coloring page to remind you of the sixth commandment.

Memory Activity: Another great way to ingrain this truth into your family is to practice memorizing it with different activities.

Split the family into at least two teams. Copy the catechism question and answer onto two strips of paper with commandment nine on one paper and commandment ten on another. Challenge each team to act out the commandment that they drew between the two without using words. (if you decide to make more than two teams then just repeat the commandment). Then have the teams switch commandments and have them draw out their commandment on a piece of paper. When finished with each round have them share why they did what they did.

Discussion Questions: Discuss a few of these questions as a family to help everyone think deeper about their own lives with this doctrinal truth.

1. Why is it bad to want things that are not ours?
2. Can you name a Bible character who lied?
3. How can we be better truth tellers?



HEADWATERS
Kids

Teaching Activities: Teaching activities are meant to help reinforce the idea in the catechism question. Be sure to be asking kids questions as you do these activities to be sure that they see the connection.

Reasons for the Law

1. Make sure you remind the kids that the Israelites were getting these commandments while in the desert with anticipation of entering the Holy Land. A holy land that was filled with idol worship, murder, and impurity. God wanted his people to be pure and above reproach in their new holy land that He gave them The Law so that they would worship Him as the one true God.
2. God also wants to us to bring him glory. We must remember that bringing him glory is a purpose of our being created and the creation of His law assists us in doing that.
3. The Law also plays a role in showing his people that they are sinners. An important part of the gospel is understanding that you need saving. If God's people just felt perfect they would not long for a Messiah.
4. When believers understand their sin they then run to God for forgiveness. The commandments also serve the purpose of bringing Gods people back to him when they have sinned through forgiveness

Activity #1 Tell the kids to come up with two truths and a lie about themselves that nobody in the family would know about. Parents you may need to help your kids be creative with this one. Once they have their two truths and a lie have them share with each other and try to guess which one was the lie.

Activity #2 Tell the children you are going to read them some statements. If they think the statement is true, they should move to the right side of the room, and if they think it is a lie, they should move to the left side of the room.

1. September has thirty-one days. (lie)
2. Up is the opposite of down. (truth)
3. The sun rotates around the earth. (lie)
4. Earthworms breathe through their skin (truth)
5. Walt Disney's full name was Walter Elias Disney. (truth)
6. Cats have nine lives (lie)
7. The Titanic sank in 1932. (lie)
8. Bamboo is the fastest growing plant in the world. (truth)
9. Nashville, Tennessee, is the largest city in the United States. (lie)
10. Thomas Jefferson's face is on the \$3 bill (lie).

Ask the children whether they are more attracted to people who tell the truth or people who lie. Ask the children why they like hearing the truth, but why they're sometimes tempted to lie.

Pray: Take some time as a family to pray. Family prayer time is an incredible way to grow with one another and enjoy our God together! Pray, thanking God for being a God who never lies. Thank Him for providing his Word which is truth. Ask Him for help when we want to lie and for forgiveness for when we lie. Thank God for the blessings that he has given you and ask for forgiveness for the things that you have coveted or your lack of contentment. Praise Him for being a God of blessing who enjoys answering prayer and giving good gifts.

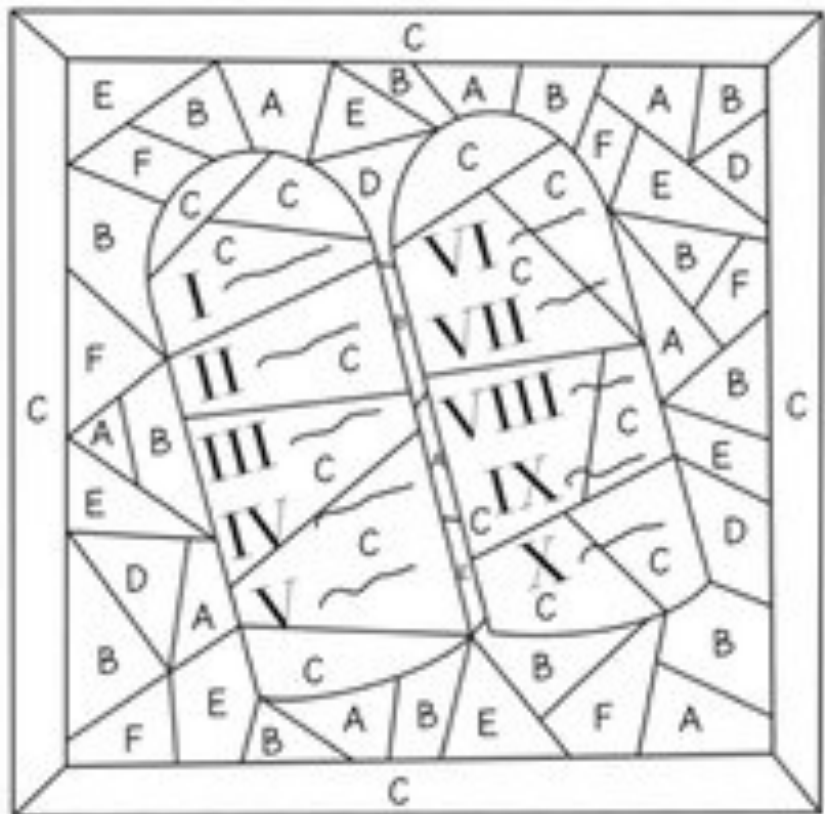


Name _____

The Ten Commandments Color by Letter

Use the key to color the spaces.

- purple ~~~~~> A
- pink ~~~~~> B
- gray ~~~~~> C
- green ~~~~~> D
- orange ~~~~~> E
- blue ~~~~~> F



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