

# Home Discipleship

## Family Activities

**Q:** What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

**A:** First, that we know God as the only true God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence.

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 6:13-14

Key Passage: Exodus 20

**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. Follow this link for another song to help your kids learn the ten commandments <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSXviJco41k>

**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 pages 3-4 of this document you will find two coloring pages to remind you of the Ten Commandments.

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

Props: Construction paper and markers.

Hand out the paper and markers. Have the kids write each word of the catechism question and answer randomly scattered throughout their papers. Tell them to mix the words up and to write them in different places all over their papers. Allow them to refer to the Catechism question and answer as they do this.

When everyone is finished, remove or cover up the catechism question and answer. Ask the kids to exchange papers. Challenge each kid to draw a line from the first word in the catechism question and answer to the next, and the next, and so on, until the whole verse is finished. Do the whole thing again with the Key verse if you want! Go over the catechism answer together to see if they all got it correct.



**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.

**Activity #1** This week we are looking closely at the first three commandments. The first three commandments all address the vertical relationship between God and his people. Gather three different colors of paper or three white papers with different markers. Cut the paper into strips so that you can print each individual word from the first commandment on a separate strip of paper. Place the strips of paper in an envelope. Do this with all three commandments. Hide the envelopes around the house and have the kids find them. Once they find them encourage them to organize them in order. Once they are done organizing them have them read out loud what the commandment says. Review the reasons for the commandments that are given below and read the Key verse and Passage.

#### 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 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 God's people back to him when they have sinned through forgiveness

**Activity #2** Provide magazines and newspapers that are appropriate for children and that contain lots of glossy advertisements. Give each child a copy of page 5 of this document. Have the children write "God" in the inside heart to remind them that God alone must be worshiped. Ask them to search the magazines or just draw different pictures of things in this world that people might be tempted to love above God. Encourage them to paste or draw those things in the outer heart. It is right to love these good things that God has created, but we should never put them in the place of God.

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

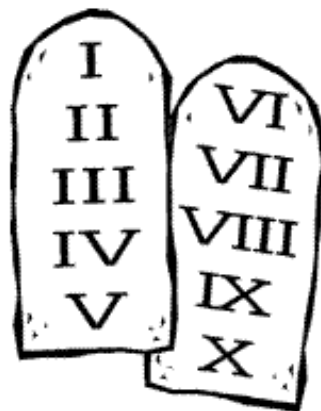
1. What is unique about the first three commandments?
2. Why is our relationship with God important?
3. How can our relationship with God affect our relationship with each other?

**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, to God thanking him for giving us the ten commandments, for being a God that desires relationship with his people. For providing a way that we can honor him, love him and be loved by him. Thank him for the ability to pray and worship him.



# The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

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WIFE	FALSE	REMEMBER	DAY	IDOL
COVET	WORSHIP	MOTHER	LONG	FATHER
LORD	NEIGHBOR	DONKEY	SEVENTH	STEAL
MISUSE	HONOR	ADULTERY	TESTIMONY	HOLY



