

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Bible Text: Exodus 20

Lesson Focus: The Ten Commandments are a gift from God intended to help us live with one another.

Big Question: Are the Ten Commandments around just to trip us up and make us feel bad?

Key Words: GUIDELINES, GIFT, THRESHOLD

BIBLE CONNECTION

- 1 Before God through Moses gave the law to the people, the people were reminded of all that God had done for them.
- 1 Israel's election depended on God's grace, and that does not change with the giving of the Ten Commandments or any of the laws that follow.
- 1 The law given in the Ten Commandments and in later laws, too, is a gift, not a punishment.
- 1 The Commandments are not "have-tos" or even "to-dos." They are guidelines for how God's people are to live faithfully toward God and one another.
- 1 The Commandments do not effect a relationship with God but reflect an already-established relationship with God.
- 1 The Commandments deal with the most practical issues of community life and life dependent on God.

CARTOON CONNECTION

- 1 What are some rules in your family?
- 1 How can rules make relationships work better?
- 1 Where do you really appreciate having rules?

STUDENT BOOK CONNECTION

Here We Stand Student Book page 188: How to Tell the Difference between the Law and the Gospel

- 1 How do you experience the law and the gospel in your life?
- 1 How does that help you understand the Ten Commandments?

LIFE CONNECTION

Find someone in your congregation who can share with you a story about a time in their life when they messed up but found forgiveness.



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Word Search

Find the words from the list in the puzzle.

D R M F B L E V O L Y F F H J
O C E U E O L S U B I T A R R
G O E B R R Q E P H W M T O O
S T N E M D N A M M O C H B N
S E S O M E E W Q T C W E H O
Y P A D I F M R H H B G R G H
W I T N E S S E T O U I F I G
L U A A N C R A R E L K B E U
R L R N R E B F C H U Y Y N U
V L J Q I B T H N C V T H P C
Y D B W A S T G M O A Y Z M P
V Y Z S V E U E F S T E A L R
A T E D V C I D H R P L H E Y
G R T O J U Y P V O M O N F O
Q S C H O J R I T T U M B Y D

COMMANDMENTS

COVET

FATHER

FEAR

GOD

HOLY

HONOR

LORD

LOVE

MOSES

MOTHER

MURDER

NEIGHBOR

REMEMBER

SABBATH

SINAI

STEAL

TEN

WITNESS