



World Communion Day!

Today congregations around the world will celebrate World Communion Sunday. Most of us have heard about World Communion Sunday but may not know much about where the celebration originated. Do you know why we celebrate World Communion?

World Communion Sunday is a time for remembering that around the globe—in different languages, with different traditions and customs, and in various forms of worship—the Lord's Supper is celebrated.

World Communion Sunday serves two purposes: it is both a joyous and meaningful partaking in Jesus' sacred meal with his friends and a mind-opening experience to different Christian traditions from around the world.

Jesus introduced the first such meal, and World Communion Sunday is a helpful way in which Christ calls us back together to celebrate the worship "in remembrance of me."

Today, we participate in Communion, along with people from all over the world to remember that there is much more that unites us than divides us.

Why Rules Matter

Ask your children to imagine what would happen if there were no traffic rules. After they give you some ideas about what could happen with no road rules, ask them to give you their reasons for why rules are important in general. They will probably come up with some very good reasons!

Children often have a strong sense of what's fair or not—often well before they are old enough to get the concept of principles such as sharing and telling the truth.

The Ten Commandments

These were ten good rules God gifted to His people.

Rules that would bring about good results for anyone who followed them.

Rules that would help keep people safe and at peace.

Rules that would show them how to love and respect one another and God.

Rules that would help them stay close to the One who wanted to give them every good thing.

God knew His people very well. He knew their hearts. He knew they were human—that they often made mistakes, chose poorly, and acted without thinking.

God gave His people these rules as reminders of what was good and right—as reminders of who He created them to be.

Jesus summed up the Law with these two sentences: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” and “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22:37–39, NIV). I think we can do no better than to follow His example. All of the Ten Good Rules remind us of those two directives: Show love and respect to God, and show love and respect to others.

Even very small children are able to memorize the Ten Commandments, but when we talk about the Ten Commandments for kids, it can be helpful to put the rules in forms they can understand even better.

[Here is link to the ten commandments song for children:](#)

[Ten Commandments for Kids](#)

Age Appropriate 10 Commandments

- 1) "There's one God! Listen to Him."
- 2) "Sometimes people try to make things that look like God—and then they bow down to those things and pretend they are God! That's silly! Don't do that! Respect God. *Don't make a pretend God.*"
- 3) "God's name is special. Respect God's name."
- 4) "*Take time to rest and show respect for God.* What's one way we do that? We go to church!"
- 5) "*Respect your mom and dad.*"
- 6) "Respect life! Don't take away anyone's life."
- 7) "Respect husbands and wives. If you get married, keep your promises to each other."
- 8) "Respect other people's stuff. Don't take things without asking."
- 9) "Respect others. Tell the truth. Don't tell lies."
- 10) "Respect others. Be happy with what you have. (Otherwise known as the "You get what you get and you don't throw a fit" rule.)"

Having kids memorize these ten rules is great. But helping kids understand what it means to love and respect God and each other is even better (and more important).

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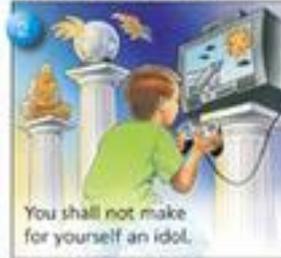
And God spoke all these words:
I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of
Egypt, out of the land of
slavery.



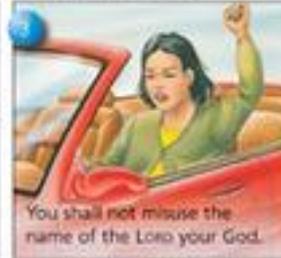
You shall have no other
gods before me.



You shall not make
for yourself an idol.



You shall not misuse the
name of the Lord your God.



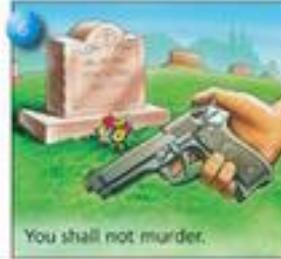
Remember the Sabbath day
by keeping it holy.



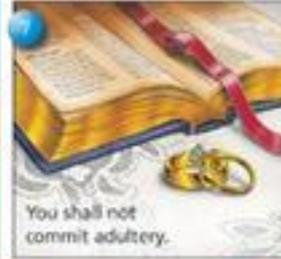
Honor your father and your
mother so that you may live
long in the land the Lord
your God is giving you.



You shall not murder.



You shall not
commit adultery.



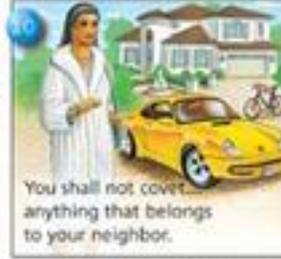
You shall not steal.



You shall not give
false testimony
against your neighbor.



You shall not covet
anything that belongs
to your neighbor.



When the people saw the
thunder and lightning and
heard the trumpet and saw
the mountain in smoke,
they trembled with fear.

The Holy Bible
Exodus 20:1-18 NIV



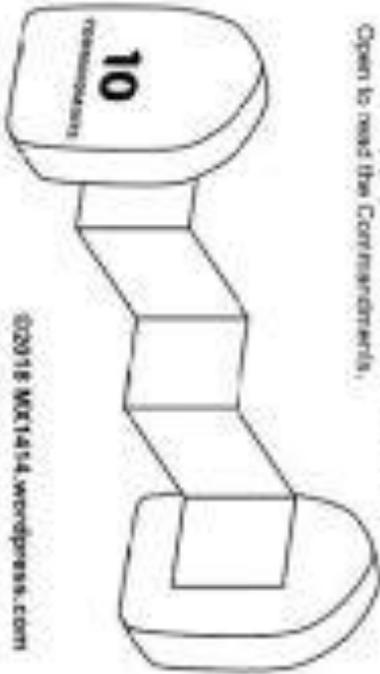
ACTIVITY:

A	1 HAVE NO OTHER GODS.	2 DO NOT MAKE IDOLS, WORSHIP ONLY GOD.	3 USE GOD'S NAME WITH RESPECT.	4 KEEP THE DAY OF REST HOLY.	5 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER.
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B	6 DO NOT HURT OTHER PEOPLE.	7 BE FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE.	8 DO NOT STEAL.	9 DO NOT TELL LIES ABOUT OTHERS.	10 DO NOT ENVY.	C
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The Ten Commandments

Cut out both slips of Commandments and the stone tablets.
 Glue #5 over the empty space B. Fold the slip accordion style.
 Glue the empty space A to the back of tablet #1.
 Glue the empty space C to the back of tablet #2.
 Open to read the Commandments.



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