

## Exodus 20:1-17 New Living Translation

**1** Then God gave the people all these instructions:

**2** “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery.

**3** “You must not have any other god but me.

**4** “You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea.

**5** You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God who will not tolerate your affection for any other gods. I lay the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected—even children in the third and fourth generations of those who reject me. **6** But I lavish unfailing love for a thousand generations on those**[b]** who love me and obey my commands.

**7** “You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God. The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse his name.

**8** “Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

**9** You have six days each week for your ordinary work, **10** but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God. On that day no one in your household may do any work. This includes you, your sons and daughters, your male and female servants, your livestock, and any foreigners living among you. **11** For in six days the Lord made the heavens, the earth, the sea, and everything in them; but on the seventh day he rested. That is why the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and set it apart as holy.

**12** “Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long, full life in the land the Lord your God is giving you.

**13** “You must not murder.

**14** “You must not commit adultery.

**15** “You must not steal.

**16** “You must not testify falsely against your neighbor.

**17** “You must not covet your neighbor’s house. You must not covet your neighbor’s wife, male or female servant, ox or donkey, or anything else that belongs to your neighbor.”

## Questions:

The 10 commandments have been called guidelines for living well.

1. What does it look like to not have other gods?  
Who should you worship and why?
2. Why should you not misuse the name of the Lord your God?
3. What are some reasons to honor your father and mother?  
What does God promise for those who do this?
4. What would it look like in your world to not talk badly about others?  
How do you think others would see you if you did this?
5. We all fall short and need to repent (turn away) from our sins while knowing that Jesus died for our sins.

(Close this time in prayer giving a few moments of silence for everyone to repent of where they fall short of God’s commandments. Thank God for the forgiveness found through faith in Jesus.)