

Lesson 34

-The 10 Commandments-

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2-5 Years:

Opening Prayer: To welcome the start of the class. For example:

"Dear God. As we once again come together, help us to learn more about your work and how we can be better Christians. Amen"

Bible Story:

Tell the story of Moses and the Ten Commandments in basic language that this age group can understand. If you can't find an illustrated copy of this in the library for use in your class, use the bible use simple language.

Discuss:

What is a rule? Talk about simple rules that your class will understand - perhaps rules at home (brush teeth, pick up toys, etc), social rules (underwear goes under clothes, shoes go on after socks, don't throw sand at other children) etc. A Commandment is a rule from God.

Activity:

Provide construction paper cut either in the shape of a mountain, or a traditional bookmark shape. On one side of each bookmark write "Love Thy Neighbor", and leave the other side blank.

Give a bookmark to each child in your class, and provide craft materials so that they can decorate the plain side of the bookmark.

Song: (To the tune of "This Old Man")

One day God
Gave us rules
Gave us rules so we'll live right
Because now we know how God wants us all to live
Live in our Gods loving light

Help us God
Keep your Rules
Keep your Rules so we'll live right
Because now we know how you want us all to live
Live in your most precious light



Activity 2:

Use this lesson to encourage politeness in your class. It's a social rule that we say please and thank you, and you can turn this into a game by having something for the children to look at, and teaching them to ask politely to look at it, and then to thank you for showing it to them.

"Please may I look at the picture."

"Of course because you asked so nicely. Here you go."

"Thank you"

Reaffirm that this is something that they should do every time and not just with adults by having them ask each other for something.

"Please could you give me my jacket."

"No problem."

"Thank you."

Closing Prayer: Thanking God for giving us rules to live by. For example,

"Dear God, thank you for giving us the rules that you want us to follow in order to be good Christians. Amen."