

6-8 Years:

Opening prayer: To welcome students to class and introduce the theme. Keep the prayer simple and easy for the children to learn so that it can be said as a group prayer rather than one that the leader says. For example:

"Dear God. We thank you for the chance to meet once again in your presence. Help us to learn more about your work and to understand how we can follow in your footsteps. Amen"

Bible Story:

Tell the story of the 10 Commandments to the children in the class.

A picture book version isn't necessary but a simplified version of the story will put it into the understand level of the age group. If you have a children's bible that you use with your class, then this ought to be appropriate.

Drama:

Appoint one person in the class as Moses and another as the voice of God. The rest of the class, as the people who followed Moses out of the Egypt, should watch Moses leave and go up the mountain (across the room) where God will tell him of the Commandments. Have the "voice of God" read the Commandments again from your book in a clear voice.

Discussion:

What are the commandments? What other names do we have for them (rules, laws)? Why do we need these? Have the children tell you of some other rules that they have to follow, and who makes these rules.

Game:

The Commandments address two areas: how we should treat God and how we should treat people. Clear a space in the room so that you can have the children move from one side of the room to the other. Make one side of the room "God" and the other side "People".

Call out the Commandments randomly and have the children move to the appropriate side of the room. Do this until you get all of the children moving to the right side of the room for each Commandment.

If you are limited for space and can't do this safely, then have the children stand up, and as you call out each Commandment they should turn and face the appropriate wall.

Closing Prayer: Thanking God for loving us enough to give us his Commandments to show us how to live. For example:

"Dear God, thank you for your Commandments so that we sure about how we should live. Help us remember these as we go about our daily lives. Amen."

Quiz:

How many Commandments are there?

- a) 8
- b) 12
- c) 10

To whom did God give the Commandments?

- a) Adam
- b) Moses
- c) The President

Where was Moses when God gave him the Commandments?

- a) At the top of a mountain
- b) On a fishing boat
- c) Asleep in his bed

Which day did God say was to be the Sabbath?

- a) Sunday
- b) Tuesday
- c) Friday

Who did God say should be honored?

- a) Doctor
- b) Mother and Father
- c) Baseball Players