



Sunday 5th October - The 10 Commandments

Read: Exodus 20 :1-17 or a version of the 10 Commandments.

Moses and the Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai, God gave them 10 rules to live by and we must try to live by these rules today. Societies all over the world have been living by these rules and have even built their legal systems on them. They may seem very negative – most of them start with ‘Do not...’, but they are not to be seen as negative, but rather a way to allow the Israelites and others to live differently, to live to a higher standard. ‘These commandments are uncompromising, and all embracing, given so that God’s people would represent God in the world, and this is still their purpose today.’ (The Barnabas Family Bible)

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aX28nAB4S7A> (Crossroad Kids)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B3MZnOPmWVY> – Can you learn the 10 Commandments?

Which commandment do you think is most important?

Which commandment is hardest to keep?

Which commandment is easiest to obey?

If you could add another commandment what would it be?

Do: Colouring Page: <https://christianpreschoolprintables.com/wp-content/uploads/ CPP/TenCommandments/TenCommandmentColoringPage1.pdf>

Wordsearch: https://sermons4kids.com/ten_commandments_wordsearch.htm

Maths Problem: <https://ministryspark.com/wp-content/uploads/Beware-of-Imitations.pdf>

Jigsaw: <https://ministryspark.com/wp-content/uploads/Respect.pdf>

Pray:

God, help us to keep your commandments. Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Share:

Can you remember all 10 commandments? Use the video and finger actions to teach someone else in your house the 10 commandments.



Sunday 11th October – The Golden Calf

Read: Exodus 32:1-14

Moses had spent a long time at the top of the mountain. He had left his brother Aaron in charge. The people got restless and scared. They wanted a new God to worship. Aaron wanted to keep the Israelites happy, so he told them to bring him all their gold jewellery. He then melted it all down and made a golden calf (a baby cow). The Israelites were so happy – they bowed down and worshipped this idol. Moses and God were not happy. Moses begged God to forgive the Israelites again, which he did. God sent Moses back down the mountain to see what was happening. When he got there Moses was so angry! He smashed the tablets God had given him, he destroyed the calf and made the people drink the dust with their water. God had only given them the 10 Commandments and they had already broken them!

Watch: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FBnJZ2s9_ns (Lifekids)

Where was Moses? Why did the Israelites want a new God? What did Aaron make the idol out of? What shape was the idol? What did God do? What commandment did they break? How would you have reacted if you had been there?

Do: Make a Golden Calf - <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/08/28/golden-calf-idol/>

Colouring Page – <https://sermons4kids.com/the-golden-calf?fromSermonId=1565>

Decoder - <https://sermons4kids.com/the-golden-calf-2?fromSermonId=1565>

Crossword - <https://sermons4kids.com/the-golden-calf-1?fromSermonId=1565>

Pray:

Dear God, let us remember that you created us and all we have. Remind us not to put others ahead of you.

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Share:

The Israelites put themselves first and ignored God. We need to put God first and show others his love. Draw a picture or make a card to give to someone to remind them that God loves them. Pray for the person as you get creative.



Sunday 18th October – Taxes?

Read: Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees had made plans. They wanted to trip Jesus up and make him look foolish to the people who were following him and listening to his teachings. They started by telling Jesus how good a teacher he was, and how he always teaches the word of God truthfully – then they asked the big question and waited to see how Jesus would answer – would their plan work? ‘Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar?’ Jesus knew what they had planned and was not happy – ‘Why are you trying to trap me?’ He then asked for a coin and asked who is on the coin? Caesar, they answered – so give to Caesar what is Caesars! Jesus told them what to do – they were amazed at his answer and left him alone.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XYzrgEiClfs>

What are taxes? What question did the leaders ask Jesus? Why did they ask him? What did Jesus answer? How do you think Jesus felt about the way they treated him?

Do: Colouring Page –

https://sermons4kids.com/render_to_caesar_colorpg.htm?fromSermonId=461

Multiple Choice -

https://sermons4kids.com/paying_taxes_to_caesar_choice.htm?fromSermonId=461

Crossword - https://sermons4kids.com/paying_taxes_to_caesar_crossword.htm?fromSermonId=461

Pray:

Dear God, allow us to see your wisdom in all that we do. Amen.

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Share:

Jesus showed a coin to answer the question about taxes. Find some coins and do coin rubbing to see the different designs that are on our coins. Could you collect coppers for a charity and give it to them in a few weeks?



Sunday 25th October – The Greatest Commandment

Read: Matthew 22:34-40

Again, the Pharisees were trying to trick Jesus. They did not like what he was doing and saying. This time they asked Jesus 'What is the greatest commandment?' Jesus answered 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love him with all your mind.' Jesus continued the second is 'love your neighbour as you love yourself.' We can still live by these commandments today – Love God and love our neighbours.

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hsGYVOUvUmE> (Salvation Army)

What is the Greatest Commandment? How can we follow it? If you could come up with one rule for the world what would it be?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M4WygilFual> (Hillsong Kids) Sing along and try to follow the actions.

Do: Colouring Page: <https://ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2011/02/Love.pdf>

Crossword:

https://sermons4kids.com/greatest_commandment_08_crossword.htm?fromSermonId=122

Wordsearch: https://sermons4kids.com/greatest_commandment_08_wordsearch.htm

Pray:

Dear God. Help us to love you with all our hearts, soul, and mind! Amen

Father in heaven watch over our loved ones.

Keep them by your side.

May they be safe and peaceful, in you may they abide.

Give wisdom to the doctors and nurses too we pray,
renew their strength and bless them for the work they do each day.

Send healing and restoration and let them feel your love.

May your Holy Spirit give them rest as gentle as a dove. Amen (taken from Praying Together)

Share:

Find a way to love your neighbour this week – could you bake them a delicious treat or make them a card or bring the bin in or out for them? Ask an adult for help.

Harvest at Home – The Parable of the Sower

Read: Mark 4:1-9, 13-20

Jesus told parables to help people understand what he was talking about. A parable is a story based on everyday life – something people could relate to. In today's reading we hear about a farmer who has planted some seed. Some seed fell on the road, some fell on rocky ground, some fell into thorn bushes and the rest fell on the good soil. When we plant something, we know it needs to have the right soil, light, water, and temperature. If plants do not have these things they will not grow. If we do not have what we need we may not understand everything we are told. When we hear this story, we think of the seeds as people who listen to the word of God. Some people listen and forget, others listen and try for a while then get bored, others listen but don't have strong enough roots for it to keep growing. Finally, the seeds that fall on the good soil listen, understand, and follow what God has asked them to do.

Today as it is harvest, we need to take time to thank God for all that he provides for us. God's word is like the seed and we need to choose which soil we are going to be, and what impact his word will have in our lives. We also need to think about the farmers and all who work on the land to make sure we have all we need to eat. We should be thankful for all those who work in transport to move the food where it needs to be, the shopkeepers and assistants for keeping the food safe, and finally those who prepare the food for us. We are lucky to have a God that provides so much for us and harvest is our chance to say thank you!

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W6LwEW8jX9A> (Trinity, Cheltenham)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pP_zOBzPUdo&list=PLh_ZCcaNyX7cT_gV6ua6XUvnQP4rnoPMv&index=2 (Ministry to Children)

Where did the seeds end up? What does the parable mean? Why should we celebrate harvest?

Do:

Colouring Page: <https://i2.wp.com/ministry-to-children.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/parable-of-the-sower-coloring-page-scaled.jpg?ssl=1>

Wordsearch: https://sermons4kids.com/parable_of_the_sower_wordsearch.htm

Word match: https://sermons4kids.com/parable_of_the_sower_matching.htm?fromSermonId=444

Harvest Craft: <https://www.craftsonsea.co.uk/scarecrow-craft/> Create a scarecrow basket – what can you put in yours to share with others?

Share: At harvest we think of all the things we are thankful for – especially the food and produce God has given us. Some people are not as fortunate as us and we could use harvest as a chance to help others. When you are shopping this week add something to your trolley to donate to a foodbank. Be sure to say thank you to the people working in the shop as well.

Pray:

Dear Lord, thank you for farmers, fishermen, and others who provide us with food to eat and things to enjoy. Thank you that every good thing comes first from you... help us to remember to say thank you everyday for all the blessings you give us. Amen (Taken from Family Time)

Today we are celebrating Harvest and Harvest is an opportunity for us to remember that all our food is provided by the Lord. He is the one who gives us the seeds, the soil, the rain, and the sun. He is the one who gives strength to those who work on the land to plant the seeds, and then harvest the crops. He is the one who fills the oceans with fish and the land with animals that we enjoy eating. Thank you for providing for us. Amen

Dear God, each season brings something new for us to see and enjoy.
With sunny days and rainy days, our crops grow larger,
Fruit and Vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.
Thank you for all the food we have to eat,
Let us remember those who may not have enough,
Help us to be kind to others in our thoughts, words and deeds. Amen (Scholastic Harvest Prayer)