



Sabbath Keeping Youth

Teach The Ten Commandments

The first four commandments are about loving God; the next six are about loving people. The commandments are found in Exodus 20:1-17.

1. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol.
3. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and your mother.
6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
10. You shall not covet the things that belong to your neighbor.

God's Big Ten

There are rules in life that you follow everyday. Your mom and dad have rules at home, your teacher has rules at school, and the government has rules for the highways and cities. The most important rules ever made come from God. One specific set of rules God gave us have been memorized by millions of boys and girls all over the world. Can you guess which ones they are? You got it! The Ten Commandments.

When God first gave the Ten Commandments to Israel He wanted the people to know He was serious. God got the children of Israel's attention by sending lightning, thunder, and dark clouds to cover the skies around Mount Sinai. The Israelites stood in fear at the bottom of the mountain. God began shaking

Mt. Sinai and covered it with smoke. Needless to say, the Israelites were doing a little shaking themselves. They were shaking in their boots sandals.

The children of Israel stood at the bottom of Mt. Sinai scared silly. The presence of God put fear in the Israelites. They thought God would strike them dead if they even made a move. It was then that Moses came down the mountain and assured the children of Israel that God just wanted them to obey His laws; He didn't want to hurt them. God used drastic measures when giving the Ten Commandments because He wanted His people to take Him seriously. God wants everyone to avoid sin at all cost. Spend some time in June examining the Ten Commandments, and make sure you are obeying everyone of them!



The Parents Corner

Since Father's Day is this month, think about all the men in your life including fathers, uncles, grandpas, your neighbor and your husband. Try a few of the ideas below and see if you can put a smile on someone's face this month.

- Write an acrostic poem using the word "Father" and include it in your Father's Day card.
- Bake Dad's favorite cookies.
- Use popsicle sticks to make a frame and insert a picture of yourself.
- Make a paper tie card.

Begin With Teaching Honor

Training and teaching children in the ways of living a Godly life require applying foundational biblical principles. These principles are to be taught at every opportunity. The Ten Commandments are the focal point of Christian living and the foundation of all biblical teaching. From the beginning of creation, God's law has been here (2 John 1:6).

God, in His infinite wisdom, has instructed parents through scripture how to train and teach their children. God has placed the responsibility of teaching the basic principles of life on the parent (Deuteronomy 6:4-9). To be successful at this charge, parents must first submit and commit to God's teachings. The spiritual leaders of Israel were given a challenge by God when He said, "A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honor? And if I be a master, where is my fear?" (Malachi 1:6) God was not pleased with the leadership. They failed to show Him honor and set a good example for the Israelites. When we honor and obey God, we set a proper example for our children. To honor means to respect. Children are taught to honor and respect others when they are shown respect. They need good parental examples.

It is interesting to note that the first four commandments are about our relationship with God and the fifth commandment goes directly to giving honor to our parents. The fifth commandment is also the only one with a promise. Honor should be taught to a child in his early years and it is taught through obedience. A child who is taught to honor and respect his parents will have very few problems learning to obey and honor God. This is true as well of following the laws of man and respecting authority.

Children need love, instruction and guidance. In Ephesians 6:1-4 Paul gives instructions to children and parents. However, there is caution in Paul's words, especially to fathers. "Ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). How a child turns out in later life is often determined by the discipline given at an early age. "Even a child is known by his doings, whether his work be pure, and whether it be right" (Proverbs 20:11). How do we begin to teach our children to love the Lord with all their heart, soul and strength? Here are just a few suggestions.



- The Bible should be the center of your family life.
- Instill in your children "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom..." (Psalm 111:10).
- Give guidance in a loving way. Remember the purpose of disciplining a child is to help them grow not discourage or hurt.
- Consistently teach your children the rules of respect and courtesy.
- Teach your children that Jesus is their Lord and Savior.
- Tell them the stories in the Bible.
- Regularly discuss biblical principles and how they apply to real life situations.

It is not important your child intellectually understands every detail of what you teach. It is important for them to grow in understanding. It takes time to transform hearts and minds. God has given you the directive to teach, guide, direct and discipline your children. Do not ignore your responsibility or the privilege.

Jesus Honors His Parents

Luke 2:41-52

Father's Day is a great opportunity to show honor to your dad. While honoring your dad should be something you do all year long, there is nothing wrong with Dad having a special day of honor. Father's Day does not have pagan roots and it allows you to do what the fifth commandment says, "Honor your father and your mother..." (Exodus 20:12). Our story this month is about Jesus showing honor to his father and mother.

Jesus grew up just like you and I. He knows what it is like to be a kid. If you think He had it easy because of who He was, you're wrong. His family had to flee from King Herod who wanted him killed. His family moved a lot. For a short time they lived in a foreign country, moved to Galilee and then to Nazareth. Nazareth was considered to be a town of low moral and religious standards (John 1:46). Joseph, Jesus' father, was a carpenter. The family wasn't wealthy. He had brothers and sisters and while growing up, not everyone understood who He was. Only a few understood that He was the Son of God.

"And the Child grew and became strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him" (Luke 2:40). This means Jesus had wisdom beyond His age. He had the ability to make wise decisions in difficult situations. He had this wisdom because He kept in close contact, through prayer, with His heavenly Father. We too can have this same kind of wisdom. "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally..." (James 1:5).

Joseph and Mary, along with other faithful people, went to Jerusalem once every year for the Feast of the Passover. The Passover and Days of Unleavened Bread reminded the Jews of how God had delivered them from slavery in Egypt. When Jesus was twelve years old, Mary and Joseph took him with them to celebrate the Feast. Jewish boys at the age of twelve were believed to be old enough to take part in the festival. This was an important step for young boys because it meant they could be held responsible to keep the law just like a grown man.

After the Passover had come to an end, Joseph and Mary began their trip back to Nazareth, which was their home. Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. Joseph and Mary were not aware of this. They thought he was in their group and they went a day's journey before seeking him among their kinsmen and acquaintances. When they did not find Jesus, they returned to Jerusalem.

After looking for Jesus for three days, Joseph and Mary found Jesus in the temple, "sitting in the midst of the teachers both listening to them and asking them questions. All who heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers" (Luke 2:46, 47).

When Jesus' parents saw Him they too were amazed. However, His mother was upset that her kind and loving son would make them worry about His whereabouts. Mary said, "Son, why have You done this to us? Look, Your father and I have sought You anxiously" (Luke 2:48). Jesus replied, "Why did you seek Me? Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49) This is the first time Jesus mentions He was God's Son. Mary and Joseph knew He was God's Son, they just did not understand what Jesus meant by those words and what His mission on earth would be.

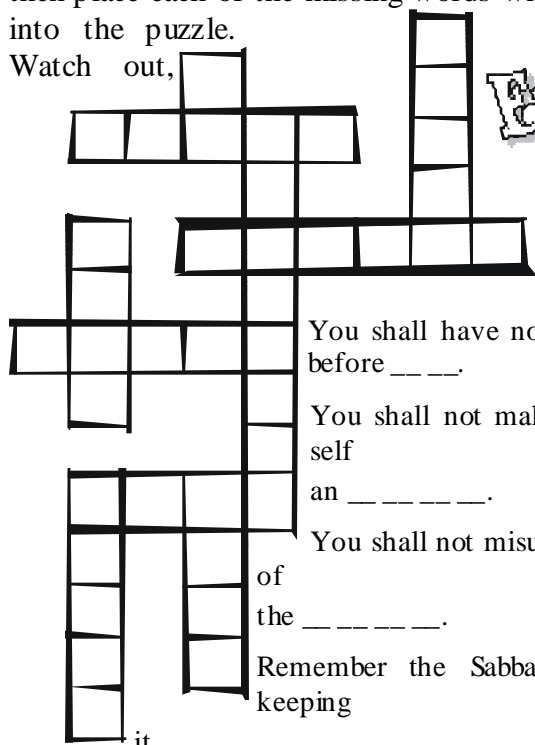
Even though Jesus knew who He was, He did not reject the guidance of Joseph and Mary. He went back with them to Nazareth, lived with them for another 18 years and was obedient. His mother kept all these things in her heart. "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men" (Luke 2:52).

Stack 10



Each of the Ten Commandments listed below has one word missing. Fill in the missing words and then place each of the missing words where they fit into the puzzle.

Watch out,



You shall have no other gods before ____.

You shall not make for yourself an ____.

You shall not misuse the name of the ____.

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping

it ____.

_____ your father and your mother.

You shall not _____.

You shall not commit _____.

Reach out and Tickle Someone



When temperatures this summer reach death defying heights, try picking up the phone and reaching out to touch someone's funny bone! Of course, make sure it is someone you know!

Q: If a goat should swallow a rabbit, what would be the result?

A: A hare in the butter.

Q: Why did the boy sleep on the chandelier?

A: Because he was a light sleeper.

Q: Why did the man bring a rope to the baseball game?

A: To tie up the score.

Q: Why did the hockey player color his teeth orange?

A: So they'd be easier to find on the ice.

Q: Why is a lie like a wig?

A: Because it is a false hood.

Q: How do you make gold stew?

A: Add 14 carrots.

Q: How do computers know what to eat?

A: They read the menu.

Q: Why does your sense of touch suffer when you are ill?

A: Because you don't feel well.

Q: Why was the baseball player arrested in the middle of the game?

A: He was caught stealing base.

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