



## DISCOVERERS LESSON PLAN

What is the fifth commandment?

Found in: Book C Q.1



### GOD'S LAW



God's Law shows me my sin and my need for a Savior.



### MATERIALS NEEDED

Bible



### SUGGESTED ORIGINAL KIDS 4 TRUTH SONG

"Your Law"

### SUGGESTED HYMNS

"The Law of God Is Good and Wise"

"Blest Are the Undefined in Heart"

### OTHER SONG SUGGESTIONS

"Psalm 19:7-14 – The Law of the Lord Is Perfect"

"Psalm 19:14 – Let the Words of My Mouth"



## THE BASICS

### PRIMARY TRUTH

The fifth of the Ten Commandments says, "Honor thy father and thy mother."

### PRIMARY Q&A

**Q. What is the fifth commandment?**

**A.** Honour thy father and thy mother.

### PRIMARY SCRIPTURE PASSAGE

Exodus 20:3-17

### PRIMARY MEMORY PASSAGE

Book A -Matthew 22:37a

Book B - Galatians 3:24a



Book C - **Matthew 22:37a** and **Galatians 3:24a**

**KNOWLEDGE OBJECTIVE – By God's Grace . . .**

- Children will learn the importance of honoring their parents.
- Children will learn why the ten commandments were given.
- Children will learn about Moses and the burning bush.

**ATTITUDE OBJECTIVE – By God's Grace . . .**

- Children will begin to love God for the direction He has given us through the law.
- Children will begin to realize that God wants us to love Him more than anything else.
- Children will evaluate how they are obeying the fifth commandment.



## PRAYER



## WELCOME/OPENER

Imagine that your parents told you that you could do whatever you wanted to do. There would be no more rules to follow. They also told you that you would not have to listen or obey them anymore. You would be completely on your own. What would happen if you had to teach yourself everything? At first, I'm sure you would think that would be a fun idea, but after a while, you would realize that things were completely out of control. You need your parents to help you learn new things and to teach you how to live in a Christ-honoring way. God is concerned about how we live and treat other people. Today, we are going to learn how He expects us to treat our parents.

### PRIMARY Q&A

**Q. What is the fifth commandment?**

**A.** Honour thy father and thy mother.

\*NOTE: In the intro we want to recap the primary truth and set the stage to use the Primary Truth to point the learners back to God.



## INSTRUCTION & REINFORCEMENT

The fifth commandment is most likely one you have heard before. Most of you know that when your mother or father ask you to do something, you should do it! We obey for several reasons. First of all, we want to please God with our obedience. Also, we want to please our parents. Another reason you obey is so that you will not be punished. How many of your parents have rules set up for you to follow? Your parents love you so much and want you to behave in a way that pleases God.



In the book of Exodus, we are told how the Ten Commandments (rules) were given to a man named Moses. Moses loved God and was chosen by Him to lead the Israelites (God's chosen people) out of a country that was making the people slaves. God wanted these people to be special (**Genesis 19:5**) and He wanted to give them rules to follow.

God showed Himself through a thick cloud on a mountain called Mount Sinai. Only Moses and his brother Aaron were to go up the mountain. (**Exodus 19:24**) God gave Moses a set of rules, the Ten Commandments. Moses was to take them to the people and teach them how to obey God's rules. God wanted His people to know how to behave.

You have already learned the first four commandments.

Let's review!

1. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
2. Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.
3. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Now we are going to learn a very important commandment that God gave to everyone who has parents. The fifth commandment tells us "Honour thy father and thy mother." The word 'honor' means to respect. When you respect someone you look up to them and consider them worthy of listening to. God does not consider this commandment something that you can or can't do. He doesn't look down and say, "Oh, don't listen to your parents today. It's okay, you do what you want to do!" No! When God says something, He isn't just saying it to say it! He really wants you to honor and obey your parents.

You may be thinking "why must I honor my parents?" We don't know the mind of God. All we know is that He has given us commandments to live by because He loves us. He knows that by following His rules you will be a happy person. Your job is to obey and honor your parents. God sees everything we do. He knows how we feel and He also knows that you are not perfect. We will all make wrong choices. However, when you know you haven't obeyed and honored your parents, ask God and your parents to forgive you. God takes the fifth commandment very seriously. Ask Him to help you "Honour thy father and thy mother."

#### **PRIMARY Q&A**

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## APPLICATION & ASSESSMENT

### INTERNALIZE IT!

You might begin this section by saying, “Boys and girls, as I’ve been preparing for the TruthTime lesson, here’s what God has been showing me . . .”

You might continue by saying:

“Because of what God is teaching me, here’s what is going to be different in my life during the next week . . .”

You might finish by saying:

“Finally, here’s what God has taught me about Himself through these truths . . .”



### DISCUSSION TIME QUESTIONS

- Generally, what does the word “law” mean?
- What is the fifth of the Ten Commandments?
- Why did God give us laws or rules to follow?
- What will happen if we follow God’s laws?



## ACTIVITY/COLORING TIME

Instruct children to come up individually during the activity/coloring time to quote their memory work. Please initial the components they quote each week.



### Commandment Book

#### MATERIALS NEEDED:

Construction Paper

Staples

Crayons

Ten Commandments typed out on paper

Glue Sticks

#### ACTIVITY/CRAFT DESCRIPTION:

Begin a book which can be added to each week. You will have to have the Ten Commandments printed out before coming to the club. The little books can be folded blank paper which is stapled together. Each child can paste a commandment on a page and can illustrate the commandment with their own picture. Collect books each week until the theme has been completed. Use booklets to help the children memorize the Ten Commandments.



## OTHER CLUB NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Group Memorize It Time (Key Truth, Q&A, and Verses)

Song Time (fun children's songs. These can be sung during welcome time and throughout the evening.)

Coloring/Activity Sheet Time

Individual Memorize It Time (This part can be done during the coloring/activity sheet time.)

Choir Time (optional: Game/Gym Time)



## AWARD TIME

Give honor and praise to those who have worked hard and memorized their curriculum work. Observe Award Time at the end of the evening in front of the entire group. Call each child up by name and announce the award the child has earned. (NOTE: The patch should be applied to the child's standard before Award Time.)

## APPENDICES OR "IF TIME"

**(optional)**

- Read a Bible story.
- Color coloring sheets.
- Review games.

## CLOSING

**(optional)**

- Refreshments
- Prayer
- Dismissal



## GROUP MEMORY TECHNIQUES

- Ask children to repeat after you.
- Leave words out and ask children to put correct words in.
- Instruct the children to stand and say the word or words you leave out.
- Sing words to a made-up tune.
- Ask a child to lead the others in repeating the words.
- March around the room while repeating the words.
- Recite words softly – then loudly.
- Recite words with your eyes closed and then with your eyes open.
- Make up hand signs or motions for different words. Ask children to make up signs or motions.



## GROUP “MEMORIZE IT!” SUGGESTIONS

Schedule separate Group Memorize It Times for each component of the curriculum (Key Truth, Q&A, and Verses). This step will help break up your evening into smaller sections and keep the children’s attention.

Plan the Group Memorize It Times between different sections of the evening. Rotate these times each week so the component you review before Activity Time is the component you would like children to quote individually that night.



## TEN COMMANDMENT HAND SIGNALS GUIDE

### 1. “Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”

Hold up one index finger for the number one. We worship one God.



### 2. “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image.”

Hold up two fingers. If you have an idol (something you trust to bring you happiness) besides God, you will have two gods.



### 3. “Thou shalt not take the Lord’s name in vain.”

Use three fingers to form the letter “W,” which stands for “words.” Watch your words!



### 4. “Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy.”

Hold up four fingers, but fold your thumb under your fingers to let it rest.



### 5. “Honour thy father and thy mother.”

Hold up all five fingers on one hand as if you are taking a pledge to honor your parents.



### 6. “Thou shalt not kill.”

Pretend the index finger on your second hand is a gun, shooting at the first five fingers.



### 7. “Thou shall not commit adultery.”

Hold one hand out flat. The five fingers and hand become the floor of the church. Two fingers on the other hand are the man and woman to be married, standing in the church, making promises to each other. Also, seven is the number of perfection or holiness.



### 8. “Thou shall not steal.”

Hold up four fingers on each hand, for the eighth commandment. If you stretch out your fingers slightly, these become the prison bars, which hold someone who has been arrested for stealing.



### 9. “Thou shalt not bear false witness [lie].”

Hold up all five fingers on one hand and four on the other. Fold your second thumb under and turn your hand around, so the thumb is hiding. Pretend your thumb is secretly telling the other four fingers on that hand lies and rumors about the five fingers on the other hand.



### 10. “Thou shalt not covet.”

Hold out your hands, palms up, and wiggle all ten fingers to show a greedy desire to get more.

