

Story 56: The Ten Commandments

God called Moses to the top of Mt. Sinai to give him some special laws. These laws would help the people live and work together well. These Ten Commandments are good for all people on the earth at all times. These are the Ten Commandments:

1. Worship only the One True God.
2. Do not make idols to worship.
3. Do not use God's name in a disrespectful way.
4. The 7th day (Sabbath) is a special day to rest and worship God. It is not a day to work.
5. Respect your father and mother.
6. Do not murder.
7. Keep your marriage commitment.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not tell lies.
10. Do not want things that belong to someone else.

Read the Ten Commandments in the Bible in Exodus 20:1-17

Questions

1. Why did God give the people the Ten Commandments?
2. Who are the commandments for?
3. What do the commandments help us know about ourselves?
(See Romans 5:20)
4. Can we be made acceptable to God by obeying the Law? (See Romans 3:21-26; Galatians 3:21-26)
5. How did Jesus change the way we understand the Law? How does Jesus help people obey the Law? (See Matthew 5:17 and Matthew 22:36-40)
6. Discuss the full meaning of each commandment and how we have failed to obey it. (Matthew 5 - 7 has many examples of the full meaning of each commandment.)

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