

Faith at Home

FOURTH GRADE – THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Please help your child to memorize the Commandments, as well as help them to understand their meaning.

1. I am the LORD your God: You shall have no other gods before me.

The 1st commandment reminds us that we need to put God and His teachings first in our lives – in how we act, in what we say, and in the respect we give to God.

2. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Always saying God's name with respect is a way of showing love for Him. This means never using His name when we are angry, or even casually, like saying "On my God." It also means we can never use God's name as a reason for doing something bad.

3. Remember to keep holy the LORD'S Day.

God instituted the Sabbath Day as a day of rest to give us time to worship God, and also to have time to rest and spend time with family and friends. It also reminds us that we can't make work our first priority in life.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

We should honor and respect our parents and others in authority. This is both because of the respect we owe to each other, and for the good of harmony in society.

5. You shall not kill.

While all life should be respected, human life in particular is due special care. We can never participate in the killing of an innocent person. This commandment also calls us to show respect for every life by our actions – we shouldn't have hatred or anger in our heart towards anyone.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

We should respect our own bodies and those of others.

7. You shall not steal.

We should respect the property of others, and not take or misuse what is not ours.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

We should always tell the truth.

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

We shouldn't see other people as things.

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.

We shouldn't be jealous of what other people have.