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**Series:** God's Top Ten  
Winter Year 1, Lesson 33

# The Ten Commandments: Why Bother?

**Take Home Point:** \*Keeping the Commandments... it's good for God and it's good for us. \*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

**Bible Event:** Matthew 22:34-40; Exodus 20:2-17

**Key Verses:** Matthew 22:37, 39, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind...Love your neighbor as you love yourself."

## We will help kids know:

- Ten key images that will help them remember the Ten Commandments.
- The Ten Commandments can be summed up in one word... love. There are two parts: love God and love others.
- The reason why we should keep the commandments is that it's good for God and good for us.
- We also keep the commandments because in response to God's love for us, we fear and love him.

## We will help kids feel:

- Excited to learn the Ten Commandments.
- Convicted that they cannot keep the Ten Commandments perfectly, but, through the power of Jesus' forgiveness, can commit to trying to keep them.

## We will help kids do:

- Learn a memory game that will help them remember the Ten Commandments in order.
- Make an art project depicting the Ten Commandments divided into two tablets of the law.

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# THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

DESTINATION	PAGE #	DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY	SUPPLIES NEEDED
<b>Small Group Warm-Up</b> 	3	A memory game that will help them remember the Ten Commandments will be given to the kids to practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appendix A or B</li> </ul>
<b>Large Group</b> 	4  7  9	<p><b>Overview</b></p> <p><b>Dramatic Presentation:</b> “The Hunkel Doobergood Talk Show”</p> <p><b>Teaching Point:</b> “A Pharisee, Expert in the Law”—Guest Interview—Hunkel and Mr. Pharisee answer the question, “Why bother keeping the Ten Commandments?”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• overhead projector or power point presentation with the Top Ten Reasons Why... (p. 18)</li> <li>• interview desk and chairs</li> <li>• title sign for name of show</li> <li>• <i>optional:</i> video camera</li> <li>• period costume for the Pharisee</li> </ul>
<b>Small Group Application</b> 	4	Kids will use Scripture to discuss why the Ten Commandments are good for God and good for us. They will begin making an art project of the Ten Commandments that they will finish at the end of this series.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• stone tablet for each student out of cardboard or cardstock (p. 19)</li> <li>• Appendix A1 and A2 or B1 and B2</li> <li>• scissors</li> <li>• glue sticks</li> </ul>

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# Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



**Purpose:** *Get pointed in the right direction!* Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.

**As kids gather:** Listen to memory verses from last week and give coupons for memory verses, for remembering to bring Bibles, and for bringing a guest.

Christianity today has two ways of numbering the Ten Commandments. Your leader or supply coordinator will supply the appendix pages that give you the numbering system your church uses, either Appendix A or B.

During this Warm-Up time you will read a bizarre story as the memory game to help the kids learn the Ten Commandments. Kids will listen to the story and then practice retelling it to help them remember the Ten Commandments.

Have kids close their eyes and picture the images as you read this story to them. Don't let kids see the page you are reading or anything that might help them guess this has something to do with the Ten Commandments. Keep that hidden until all have tried to memorize the story.

To begin, say:

**I am going to tell you a bizarre story. Close your eyes and picture the images while I read to you. I want to see who among you can listen so closely that they remember the story. I will ask someone to repeat the story back to me after I tell it.**

Read the story (*Appendix A or B*). Let one student retell the story. Read story again to correct that person, then let another try. Continue the process of recalling the story and correcting details if missed until all the kids have had a chance. After all have had a chance, continue:

**You just learned a really weird story, but do you know what it might mean?**

See if any might guess the images correspond with the Ten Commandments.

**You have just learned ten different images that will help you remember the Ten Commandments. Let's see if any of you know enough about the Ten Commandments that you know what the commandment is behind the image we learned. For example, the big fat idol in the story reminds us of "You shall have no other gods before me..."**

Explain the image and how it relates according to the commandment. (See appendix page.) Then say:

**Today we will learn that *\*keeping the Commandments is good for God and it's good for us.***

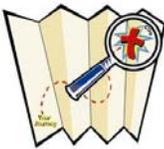
## Large Group Overview: 20-30 minutes



**Purpose:** *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

**Dramatic Television Presentation:** “The Hunkel Doobergood Talk Show.” Hunkel and Mr. Pharisee answer the question, “Why bother keeping the Ten Commandments?”

## Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



**Purpose:** *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion, but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

*Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson. They need to learn how to ask observation questions to answer: “What happened?” Then they can ask interpretation questions to answer: “What does this mean?” Finally, help them apply what they learned with “What does it mean to me?” Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.*

### Observation Questions: What happened?

**How did Jesus summarize the Ten Commandments according to Matthew 22:37-39? (Love God; Love others.)**

Have kids look up and read aloud Galatians 2:16.

**Do we receive God's approval by observing the law or keeping the Commandments? (No)**

**How can we receive God's approval and be saved? (By believing in Jesus Christ through faith.)**

### Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

**Why should we obey the Commandments if we can't keep them perfectly and they do not save us?**

*It is good for God:*

1) God is delighted in our obedience: 1 Samuel 15:22. *“Is the Lord as delighted with burnt offerings and sacrifices as he would be with your obedience? To follow*

*instructions is better than to sacrifice. To obey is better than sacrificing the fat of rams.”*

2) It pleases God: *Hebrews 13:16. “Don’t forget to do good things for others... These are the kinds of sacrifices that please God.”*

3) It shows God we love him: *John 14:15. “If you love me, you will obey my commandments.”*

4) People will see God in us: *John 13:34-35. “I’m giving you a new commandment: Love each other in the same way that I have loved you. Everyone will know that you are my disciples because of your love for each other.”*

### It is good for us:

*Deuteronomy 5:29. “If only they would fear me and obey all my commandments as long as they live! Then things would go well for them and their children forever.”*

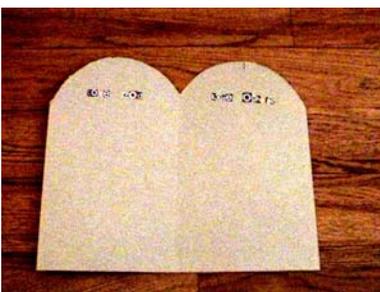
*James 1:25. “But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.” (NIV)*

## **Application: What does this mean to me?**

### Application Activity:

*Supplies: Appendix A1 and A2 or B1 and B2, Ten Commandment Tablet pattern for each kid, scissors and glue or gluesticks*

Have the kids turn in their Bibles to Exodus 20 to see the Commandments are in the Bible. Take out the appendix page, “*Ten Commandments—Good for God and Good for Us.*” On this page you will see a chart with suggestions how the commandments are good for God and good for us. Talk about why each commandment is good for us or good for God. Let the kids come up with their own ideas as you discuss.



During your discussion, give the kids something to do with their hands that will be used for the craft today and in future weeks.

Have kids cut out the Ten Commandments stone tablet pattern from cardstock or cut out and glue onto cardboard or poster board.

(See picture and Appendix A2 or B2.) During the next nine weeks, the students will weekly paste a commandment to the art project.

*A sample script for discussing the first commandment is below.*

Have someone read Exodus 20:2-4.

**The first commandment is “You shall have no other gods before me.” This means that we are to keep God on top. Let’s think of ways this commandment is good for God and good for us!**

Explain to the kids that week by week, they will fill in the Ten Commandments. This week, we demonstrate the two tables of the law: loving God and loving others.

Conclude with the key verse and take home point:

**Jesus said in Matthew 22:37 and 39 that the commandments can be summarized as “*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... Love your neighbor as you love yourself.*”**

**Therefore we have learned today that *\*keeping the commandments... it’s good for God and it’s good for us.***

Closing Prayer:

Thank God that he gave us the Ten Commandments for our good and our protection. Thank him for Jesus who kept the Commandments perfectly for us, since we cannot. When we believe Jesus’ fulfillment of the law, his death and resurrection, we have the power to obey God. Pray for the Holy Spirit to help all to obey so we can show God we love him.

# Large Group Presentation: 20-30 minutes

## The Hunkel Doobergood Talk Show Dramatic Presentation

*The series, God's Top Ten, will use a spin-off from a television talk show format to present the topic. For our purposes, we are calling it the Hunkel Doobergood Talk Show, but feel free to rename it to better suit your setting (e.g. Sunday Morning Live, Early Morning with Hunkel, etc.). If a lady is the talk show host, it would be the Harriet Doobergood Talk Show.*

*The set for this may be elaborate or as simple as you desire. It would be helpful to have a title sign, an interview desk and some chairs for guests. We would recommend that you have someone slightly off the set who could hold up the cue cards that say, "laugh," "applause" or "moan." These cue cards will be necessary to enhance the jokes. You may need to warm up the audience by practicing the signs. You might even have someone video record it as if it were a T.V. studio. The video clips could then be shown elsewhere to promote your 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade program.*

*Hunkel Doobergood comes on stage with the opening joke.*



### Opening Joke

**The Pope had just finished a tour of the Florida East Coast and was taking a limousine to the airport. Having never driven a limo, he asked the chauffeur if he could drive for a while. Well, the chauffeur didn't have much of a choice, so he got in the back of the limo and the Pope took the wheel.**

He turned onto I-95 and accelerated to about 90 MPH. WHAM! The blue lights of the State Highway Patrol flashed in his rearview mirror. He pulled over and a trooper came to the driver's window. When the trooper saw who it was, he said, "Just a moment, please, I need to call in."

The trooper radioed in and asked for the chief. He said, "I have a REALLY important person pulled over and I need to know what to do." The chief replied, "Who is it, not Pastor (the name of your pastor) again?" The trooper said, "No, even more important." "It isn't the governor, is it?" asked the chief. "No," replied the trooper, "even more important."

"Well, WHO in the WORLD is it?!" screamed the chief. The trooper responded, "I don't know for sure but I think it might be Jesus, because his chauffeur is the Pope!"

### Show Introduction

We have a wonderful show for you this morning. We are going to take a look at God's Top Ten. Top Ten what, you ask. Top Ten Commandments. As a matter of fact, we will be talking about God's Top Ten for the next ten weeks. That's how big this topic is. And today we will answer the first question about God's Top Ten: Why bother? What is so special about trying to keep God's Top Ten anyway? We hope to get to the bottom of that question with one of our special guests: a world famous expert in the law that actually spoke to Jesus about God's Top Ten.

### Memory Game Review

Let's begin with some audience participation Warm-Up. It seems that there has been a weird story circulating around the country reminding the people of God's Top Ten... that is his Ten Commandments. I'm wondering if there's anyone from the audience today that might be able to recall this silly, strange story.

Take the microphone into the audience and interview a volunteer who can give the ten images from the memory game used during Warm-Up.

There you have it, images that will help us remember the Ten Commandments. But the question for the day is...why would anyone want to learn the Ten Commandments? Much less, why would anyone ever want to keep the Ten Commandments? So, let's take a look at the Top Ten Reasons to keep the Ten Commandments.

## Top Ten List:

*The following list is available in the appendix and can be read in the following form: "Number ten... I usually get caught anyway. Number nine... I'm too young to go to jail," etc. For a better effect, have them on power point, revealed one at a time or placed on overhead and revealed one at a time.*

### ***"Top Ten Reasons Why I Should Try to Keep the Ten Commandments"***

10. I usually get caught anyway.
9. I'm too young to go to jail.
8. Handcuffs don't go well with the new clothes I got for Christmas.
7. I don't like prison food.
6. My momma told me to, and you don't want to mess with my momma.
5. It's the only Xtreme sport no one's tried yet.
4. They were written in stone so they must be important.
3. They are the Ten Commandments, not the Ten Suggestions.
2. God said so and he "ain't" kidding.
1. *\*It's good for God and good for us.*

## **A Pharisee, Expert in the Law**

### Guest Interview

*A guest actor portrays a Pharisee from Jesus' time.*

Hunkel Doobergood continues.

**Today's guest comes to us from a very famous book, the Bible. This person was an expert in the Law. He lived about Jesus' time and he spent until the age of 30 studying the Law and talking about the different ways of keeping the Law. As a matter of fact, he had over 500 ways to keep the Ten Commandments. Now, the question is why bother to keep the Ten Commandments? What's so important about them? Maybe our guest has an answer because he asked Jesus a very similar question. So, let's welcome today's guest, Mr. Pharisee.**

Pharisee enters and sits down.

### Conversation Point: Read Scriptural Background

**Hunkel: So, Mr. Pharisee, I understand that you had a conversation with Jesus. If I might be so bold to quote that from Matthew 22: 34-36, "*When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. One of them, an expert in Moses' Teachings, tested Jesus by asking, 'Teacher, which commandment is the greatest in Moses' Teachings?'*"**

### **Mr. Pharisee, what were you up to?**

Pharisee: Well, you see, I was a member of a religious group that prided itself on knowing the finer points of the Law, not just what was in the Bible, but also in the traditions we developed over many years, as well. We were “looked up to” by everyone in our community because we were such wonderful religious people. We were very careful to keep every bit of the law because we thought that’s how we would get to heaven.

Jesus, on the other hand, taught ideas we didn’t like. He did not keep the Law the way we would. For example, we had decided that keeping the Sabbath Day holy meant no work at all – not even picking grain in the field and eating it. But that’s exactly what Jesus and his disciples did! They broke our rule. So, to be honest, we were trying to trap Jesus. That’s why we asked him what was the greatest commandment.

### Jesus’ response: Love God – Love Others

**Hunkel: So how did Jesus answer your question? Which is the greatest commandment in the Law?’**

Pharisee: We expected him to quote one or two of the commandments. Then we could accuse him and say, “But what about the others? Don’t you think they’re important, too? So you don’t think God wants us to obey all the commandments?” That’s how we thought we would trap him. But Jesus didn’t answer the way we expected. He summarized the commandments by saying, *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and most important commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbor as you love yourself. All of Moses’ Teachings and the Prophets depend on these two commandments.”* (Matthew 22:37-40)

As I listened to him, it hit me. That’s exactly right! If you were to sum up the meaning of the Ten Commandments, it would be: Love God and love others! Even more simply, you could summarize the Commandments as “love.”

### Why bother keeping the Commandments?

**Hunkel: So, how did this change your thinking at all?**

Pharisee: Jesus answered with the true heart of the Commandments. He told us why we should keep the Commandments. Keep them for the sake of love. They aren’t meant to be a list of “do’s and don’ts” that we have to follow to get on God’s good side. If you love God, this is what you will do. And if you love God, you will love others. So, it seems to me that the reason we would bother to keep the Commandments is that it shows God we love

him and we love others, too. ***Keeping the Commandments – it's good for God and it's good for us.***

Can you keep the Commandments perfectly?

**Hunkel:** So, Mr. Pharisee, now that you are an expert in the Law, and you learned from Jesus that the summary of the Law is “loving God and loving others.” It is also worth the bother of keeping the Ten Commandments, because ***\*keeping the commandments--it's good for God and it's good for others.*** So, how well have you done? Can you keep the Ten Commandments?

Pharisee: Well, the truth is that I haven't been able to keep the Ten Commandments. I used to think that if I didn't break any of the Commandments I could earn my way to heaven. But no one can keep the Commandments perfectly. Jesus showed me that.

**Hunkel:** So what did Jesus show you?

Pharisee: He showed me that he was the only one who kept the Ten Commandments perfectly. In fact, Jesus said, “*Don't ever think that I came to set aside Moses' Teachings or the Prophets. I didn't come to set them aside but to make them come true.*” (Matthew 5:17)

Jesus didn't add or take away anything from the Commandments; he completed them. He kept them perfectly. Then he took our punishment for all the ways we've broken the Commandments on himself when he died on the cross in our place. That's how we are saved; that's how we get to heaven.

**Hunkel:** So, why bother keeping the Ten Commandments when we're saved already by faith and through what Jesus' has done?

Pharisee: Remember what I said earlier? ***Keeping the Commandments is good for God and good for us.*** It's the way we show love to him and love to others. By keeping the Commandments, we can show others that we belong to God and are saved by what Jesus did for us. It's still important, even if we don't keep them perfectly.

**Hunkel:** Well, thank you Mr. Pharisee. We are running out of time. This is Hunkel Doobergood signing off from Sunday Morning Live. Remember, keep those commandments. ***\*It's good for God, and it's good for us!*** Bye for now. See you next week!

## The Ten Commandments – Augustine Numbering

(Used by Roman Catholics and Lutherans)

Number	Commandment	For the memory game, picture...
1st	“You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image.”	...a big, fat, stone idol. Out of it’s mouth flows the ...
2nd	“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.”	large block letters, N-A-M-E. They float down and land on a long, wooden church bench.
3rd	“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”	The church pew begins to move.
4th	“Honor your father and your mother.”	It’s being pulled by your parents! Where is it going?
5th	“You shall not kill.”	They are pulling it across a very large knife!
6th	“You shall not commit adultery.”	The knife falls and stabs through a Playboy magazine.
7th	“You shall not steal.”	A huge fist grabs the magazine! Then...
8th	“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”	Two very red ears come out of each side of the fist .
9th	“You shall not covet your neighbor’s household.”	Pop, one arm comes out and reaches for a lady driving a sports car, then, pop...
10th	“You shall not desire anything that is your neighbor’s.”	The other arm reaches for her house.

### Narration

**For the memory game, picture a big, fat, stone idol. Out of it’s mouth flows huge block letters... N-A-M-E. That spells “name.” The letters now float down and land on a long, wooden church bench. The church bench begins to move! It’s being pulled by your parents! Where is it going? They’re pulling it across a very large knife. The knife falls and stabs through a Playboy magazine. A huge fist grabs the magazine. Then, two very red ears come out of each side of the fist. POP! One arm comes out and reaches for a lady driving a sports car, then, POP, the other arm comes out and reaches for her house.**

**Appendix A1- Augustine Numbering: Ten Commandments – Good for God and good for us. (Exodus 20:2-17 NIV)**

	<b>Verse</b>		<b>Good for God</b>	<b>Good for us</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	2	"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.	We honor him above all else.	When we keep God as number one, the rest of our life is in better order.
	3	"You shall have no other gods before me.		
	4	"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	7	"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.	We identify him as the one true God.	This helps us respect God by respecting his name.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	8	"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.	When we spend time with God, it honors him.	We need rest and time with God. Worship and reading the Bible refresh us.
	9	Six days you shall labor and do all your work,		
	10	but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.		
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	12	"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.	We honor God's authority by honoring our parents.	Our parents will respect and trust us when we honor them.
<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	13	"You shall not murder.	We honor him and his creation	We won't get killed or harmed by those seeking vengeance.
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	14	"You shall not commit adultery.	We honor him and his creation of marriage	Our marriages will be stronger. Children will sense unity and commitment.
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	15	"You shall not steal.	We honor him with honesty.	We will be trusted as we walk with integrity and honor.
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	16	"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	We honor him and his Word for being true.	We build trust as we relate fairly with others.
<b>9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup></b>	17	"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."	We honor him by our contentment.	We strengthen our relationships as we live with a contented spirit.

## Appendix A2 – Augustine Numbering: Ten Commandments Craft

### LOVE GOD...

1. Keep God #1
2. Honor God's name
3. Honor God's worship

### LOVE OTHERS

4. Honor parents
5. Never murder
6. Never commit adultery
7. Never steal
8. Never gossip
9. Never covet someone's household
10. Never desire someone's stuff

## The Ten Commandments – Orthodox Numbering

(Used by Greek Orthodox and most Protestant churches)

Number or Word	Commandment	For the memory game, picture...
1st	“You shall have no other gods before me.”	...a big, fat, stone idol. Someone is...
2nd	“You shall not make for yourself a graven image.”	...hitting the idol with a chisel.
3rd	“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.”	Some large block letters, N-A-M-E, float out of the idol’s mouth...
4th	“Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.”	and land on a long, wooden church bench. What is happening?
5th	“Honor your father and your mother.”	It is being pulled by your parents!
6th	“You shall not kill.”	They are pulling it across a very large knife.
7th	“You shall not commit adultery.”	The knife falls and stabs through a Playboy magazine.
8th	“You shall not steal.”	A huge fist grabs the magazine! Then, pop...
9th	“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”	Two very red ears come out of the big fist. And...
10th	“You shall not covet your neighbor’s household or you shall not desire anything that is your neighbor’s.”	Out of the ear comes an arm that reaches for a lady in her house.

### Narration

For the memory game, picture a big, fat, stone idol. Someone is using a hammer and chiseling pieces out of the idol. Out of the idol’s mouth flows huge block letters... N-A-M-E. They spell “name.” The letters now float down and land on a long, wooden church bench. The church bench begins to move! Your parents are pulling it! Where is it going? They’re pulling it across a very large knife. The knife falls and stabs through a Playboy magazine. A huge fist grabs the magazine. Then, two very red ears come out of each side of the fist. Then, all of a sudden, one arm comes out of the ear and reaches for a lady in her house.

**Appendix B1-Orthodox Numbering: Ten Commandments – Good for God and good for us. (Exodus 20:2-17 NIV)**

	<b>Verse</b>		<b>Good for God</b>	<b>Good for us</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	2	"I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.	We honor him above all else.	When we keep God as number one, the rest of our life is in better order.
	3	"You shall have no other gods before me.		
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	4	"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.	We identify him as the one true God.	By honoring God and him alone, we will be less influenced by false gods.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	7	"You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.	This helps us respect God by respecting his name.	We will not be guilty of disrespect.
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	8	"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates.	When we spend time with God, it honors him.	We need rest and time with God. Worship and reading the Bible refresh us.
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<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	12	"Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.	We honor God's authority by honoring our parents.	Our parents will respect and trust us when we honor them.
<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	13	"You shall not murder.	We honor him and his creation.	We won't get killed or harmed by those seeking vengeance.
<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	14	"You shall not commit adultery.	We honor him and his creation of marriage.	Our marriages will be stronger. Children will sense unity and commitment.
<b>8<sup>th</sup></b>	15	"You shall not steal.	We honor him with honesty.	We will be trusted as we walk with integrity and honor.
<b>9<sup>th</sup>_h</b>	16	"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.	We honor him and his Word for being true.	We build trust as we relate fairly with others.
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	17	"You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor."	We honor him by our contentment.	We strengthen our relationships as we live with a contented spirit.

## Appendix B2 – Orthodox Numbering: Ten Commandments Craft

### LOVE GOD...

1. Keep God #1
2. Make no idols
3. Honor God's name
4. Honor God's worship

### LOVE OTHERS

5. Honor parents
6. Never murder
7. Never commit adultery
8. Never steal
9. Never gossip
10. Never covet someone's family or stuff

## **“Top Ten Reasons Why I Should Try to Keep the Ten Commandments”**

- 10. I usually get caught anyway.**
- 9. I’m too young to go to jail.**
- 8. Handcuffs don’t go well with the new clothes I got for Christmas.**
- 7. I don’t like prison food.**
- 6. My momma told me to, and you don’t want to mess with my momma.**
- 5. It’s the only Xtreme sport no one’s tried yet.**
- 4. They were written in stone so they must be important.**
- 3. They are the Ten Commandments, not the Ten Suggestions.**
- 2. God said so and he “ain’t” kidding.**
- 1. *\*It’s good for God and good for us.***

# Ten Commandments

Love God

Love Others

