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Ten Commands

The verses in this manual help us to understand who God is and what He has told us that He loves. By learning these verses, a young person can begin to think the same way that God does.

God has made Himself known to people through the words of the Bible. Sometimes the words are in the form of stories. Sometimes they are poetry. Other times they form explanations. Sometimes they take the form of commands.

Recite the following key verses and motto from memory.

Proverbs 3:21b-23

*Keep sound wisdom and discretion,
so they will be life to your soul
and adornment to your neck.
Then you will walk in your way securely
and your foot will not stumble.*

Motto: Remembering God's Words while we are young

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Answer the questions in your own words and recite the verses from memory.

1. **What are the Ten Commandments?** The Ten Commandments are laws from God that teach us what He is like and how to love Him.

John 14:15

If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.

2. **What does the first command teach?** God wants us to love Him with an undivided heart.

Exodus 20:3

You shall have no other gods before Me.

"Before Me" means all of the following:

- 1) Next to Me
- 2) In front of Me
- 3) Against Me

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1. **What does the second command teach?**

God wants us to worship Him the right way. We are not to pretend that He is something He is not.

Exodus 20:4-5

*You shall not make for yourself an idol. . . .
For I . . . am a jealous God.*

2. **What does the third command teach?**

We are to behave and speak in a way that helps people realize how important God's name is.

Exodus 20:7

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

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1. **What does the fourth command teach?**

God wants us to remember His promise to provide for our needs on earth and in heaven.

Exodus 20:8

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

2. **What does the fifth command teach?**

Our parents are very important to God and He wants us to treat them that way.

Exodus 20:12

Honor your father and your mother.

Honor means to respect and obey.

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1. **What does the sixth command teach?**

Life is a gift from God.

Exodus 20:13

You shall not murder.

- I should not want to kill someone in my heart.
- I should not ever try to kill someone.
- I should not speak so meanly to someone that they would want to kill me.

2. **What does the seventh command teach?**

Once married, God wants us to give our hearts and bodies only to the one we marry. Until then, we are not to give our hearts or bodies to anyone.

Exodus 20:14

You shall not commit adultery.

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1. **What does the eighth command teach?**

Other people are allowed to have things that we don't have, and that we are not allowed to take them without permission.

Exodus 20:15

You shall not steal.

2. **What does the ninth command teach?**

Our words and actions should always tell the truth.

Exodus 20:16

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

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1. **What does the tenth command teach?**

God wants us to be thankful and happy with what He has given us.

Exodus 20:17

You shall not covet.

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