

# IDOLS

Items, or things

Anything that takes the place of God in your life . False gods, statues, elements in the sky (sun, moon stars)

# IDOLATRY

The Action, bowing down, praising

Worshipping (loving) idols more than God.

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# Handwriting Practice

Trace the letters below

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Blank handwriting practice lines consisting of multiple sets of three horizontal lines (top, middle dashed, bottom) for independent practice.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

EXODUS 20

**1** No other  
gods besides  
God.

**2** No idols,  
worship only  
God.

**3** Always  
treat God's  
name with  
respect.

**4**  
Remember  
God's Sabbath  
day.

**5.** Obey  
your parents.

**6.** Do not  
kill.

**7.** Be  
faithful in  
marriage.

**8.** Do not  
steal from  
others.

**9.** Always  
tell the truth.

**10.** Do  
not be jealous  
or envious of  
others.

There are three games you can play with these printable cards. **1. Flash cards:** Print the ten commandments out as flash cards. **2. Matching Memory:** You can also print pages 3-4 twice and use the cards as a memory matching game. **3. Chronological Order:** Shuffle the cards and see if the children can arrange the commandments in order as they are listed in the Holy Bible (Exo 2:1-17).

Although the terminology is indicative of younger children, adults can still open the Holy Bible to Exo 20:1-17 and read the scriptures to the children. This establishes a foundational principle in identifying scripture and eventually reading fluency. It is important for children to understand the ten commandments. After understanding God's commandments, children will understand which things in this world transgresses God's laws. Always emphasize that we show that we love God by keeping his commandments (St John 14:15).

<b>EXODUS 20:3</b>	You should not put anything or anyone higher than God. God is the most important part of life, He is the Lord our God, and loves us so much, and we are to love him in return. It is not wise or good to love or put other things as a higher priority in life. God reiterates this commandment again in Deuteronomy, and Jesus refers to it in the New Testament as the most important commandment, "love the Lord your God".
<b>EXODUS 20:4-6</b>	You should not say God's name in a mean or bad way. It is common in society today to take God's name in vain, and many kids, even at a young age, will have heard God's name used in a mean or bad way. God's name is special and to be worshipped and honored, and society has normalized the use of God's name in several bad ways. Many times, people will yell out God's name when they are hurt or scared or surprised, and that is not a form of worship or honor and is sadly being misused. Another way to explain it is that it is not good to do bad things and use God as a reason (i.e "God wants me to hurt you").
<b>EXODUS 20:8</b>	Remember to take a day to rest and honor God. This commandment discusses not forgetting that there should be a day of rest, that we set aside as a special day for God, to honor him and to not do any work. It references that even God took a day to rest during Creation. There are six other days to complete all work and we are all designed by God to need
	commandments before it, is teaching us how to love God in return.

<b>EXODUS 20:12</b>	<p>Be kind and respectful to your parents. Honoring parents will look different for every kid, but the commandment discusses that this is done to live longer. As parents are often wiser, know more and will provide sound direction to kids to be able to live long and avoid mistakes that they have made themselves.</p>
<b>EXODUS 20:13</b>	<p>You should not take someone else's life away from them. Murder is a term that most younger kids are not familiar with, but they will be familiar with the concept. It is becoming more and more common in a younger language through the everyday news and access to the internet at younger ages. Our lives were given to us by God, and it is not a single person's decision to make when someone else's life ends. People can be hurt, but murder is by far the greatest physical injury that can be done to someone. The specific word used for murder in this verse in the Bible, represents the shedding of innocent blood, and does not refer to death because of a criminal act.</p>
<b>EXODUS 20:14</b>	<p>People who are married should keep all the promises that they make to that person until the end of their lives. God is saying not to break those promises. This is a tough one to teach to younger kids who are not familiar with what adultery literally means in this text, which is sexual relations. There is a way to explain the commandment in a broader sense and that is by discussing that God wants the</p>
	<p>promises that are made at a wedding to be kept forever.</p>

<b>EXODUS 20:15</b>	You should not take what is not yours. Most kids will be familiar with the term “steal”, and therefore this will probably be the easiest commandment to discuss. God gives what is needed, and stealing is kind of like saying, that is not enough.
<b>EXODUS 20:16</b>	You should not tell lies about other people, always tell the truth. A lot of kids, early in age, will become familiar with telling the truth, this is a great way to discuss that the opposite of truth is false. An easy topic to discuss is making up stories when asked what happened in a certain situation. This is a common situation where kids are tempted to lie to avoid disclosing choices they made that they think will lead to punishment. Jesus also references false testimony specifically as being evil in the book of Matthew.
<b>EXODUS 20:17</b>	You should not want or desire what other people have. This commandment discusses desire/want in many forms. The desire/want of material things and people are specifically mentioned, and then the verse ends and indicates “anything”. Safe to say this commandment could be summed up by saying, God wants you to be happy with what is already yours.

**For the adults:** On this page are the teachable cards. These cards are color coded with the commandments cards listed on page 3-4. For example, the first commandment “Put God first,” is colored in red. So, the teachable card for the first commandment is coded red also. Be sure to match the teachable card with the commandment card.