

# BRINGING THE STORY HOME

Week of October 15, 2017

**Timeless Truth:** God tells us how we should treat Him and each other.

**Bible Basis:** Exodus 19-25:22

***The Story for Kids Weekly Reading:***

Chapter 5 – New Rules

**Memory Verse:** The Ten Commandments: 1. You shall have no gods before me. 2. You shall not make idols. 3. You shall not misuse the Lord's name. 4. Remember the Sabbath. 5. Honor your father and mother. 6. You shall not murder. 7. You shall not commit adultery. 8. You shall not steal. 9. You shall not lie. 10. You shall not covet.



## TABLE TALK

NOTE: These questions are designed to help prompt discussion among a wide range of ages. Please adapt them as they best fit YOUR family.

- Why did God give His people rules, the Ten Commandments, and what are they? (Exodus 20)
- What do you think is the most important of the Ten Commandments? Why?
- When Jesus was asked that same question, what did he say? (Read Matthew 22:36-40). Why did he answer this way? Do you agree?
- These rules are pretty old now. Do they still apply today? Why?
- Pick a Commandment(s) and talk about what it means to “follow that rule.” Ex. What does it look like to ‘honor your father and mother’ or ‘to not misuse the name of the Lord?’
- What do the Ten Commandments show us about God’s character? (He wants our undivided worship; He loves His people and He cares about how we treat one another.)

## EXTRA MILE

Play the “Two Truths and a Lie” game as a family. In this game, each family member has to think of two real things and one falsehood to say out loud. Then everybody guesses which thing is the lie. Try to make the lie sound believable. Parents will have an easier time stumping their children, but be aware about what you reveal about yourself! Also, try to have the true statements sound outrageous, and then you can share the story behind your “truth.”

When you’re finished ask:

- What was the hardest part about this game?
- Did you learn anything new about your family?
- Was it easy to disguise a lie from the truth?
- Why is it easy for little lies to slip out in everyday life?
- How can God strengthen our faith so we resist the temptation to lie?

## PRAYER TIME

Dear God, You are a loving God! Thank you for giving us the Ten Commandments to help us love you and love others. Give us your grace to guide our words and actions so that we honor you with our lives. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.



# The Story for Kids 3x Week Reading Plan

## DAY 1

**Reading:** Rules about God, pgs 40 - 42 (blue – pgs 51-53 (3 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: Exodus 20

**Summary:** God gives us rules to help us relate to him.

**Do together:** Have everyone get a piece of paper and cut out what looks like a tablet. Write the first sentence of the first four commandments on your tablet. Post this up on the door to your room or the refrigerator to show that you are going to keep these commandments for God.

**Think about:** The first four commandments deal with our relationship with God. What are some things that we may place in front of our time with God each day? We hear a lot of people misusing God's name in stores, in school, and at work. How can we help people to hear us using God's name in an honoring way? What would it look like for your family to keep the Sabbath day holy?

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to love you with all of our hearts, all of our souls, and all of our minds and to put you first each day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## DAY 2

**Reading:** Rules about Others, pgs 40-42 (blue – pgs 51-52) (3 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: Exodus 20

**Summary:** God gives us rules to help us relate to each other.

**Do together:** Cut out another tablet just like on Day One, and write commandments 5-10 on them. Post this next to the first tablet to show everyone how you are going to keep these commandments with each other.

**Think about:** The rest of the commandments deal with our relationship with others. What is one way we can honor our father and mother? What would other people think about our relationship with God if we stole something or lied about something? What do we long for that belongs to a friend or neighbor? We should be satisfied with what God gave us and thank him for filling all of our needs.

**Prayer:** Lord, help us to show our faith by how we show Christ's love to others in what we say, think and do. Thank you for filling our needs. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## DAY 3

**Reading:** God's Presence - pgs 40-42 (blue – pgs 51-53) (3 1/2 mins)

This reading covers: Exodus 20

**Summary:** God sets up a way to be with his people

**Do together:** Build a tent out of chairs and blankets to tell the story of the sacred tent or tabernacle. Bring the Ten Commandment tablets you made to the tent.

**Think about:** Before Jesus came, God had Moses and the Israelites build this sacred tent so that he could be with them. Today, what are some ways or even places that God is with us? God has given us the Holy Spirit so that he can be with us wherever we go or wherever we stay.

**Prayer:** Lord, thank you for always being with us and never leaving us. Thank you for your Holy Spirit that you have given to us so that we can always have you close to us. Thank you so much for setting up a way for us to be with you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.