

Following God – The Ten Commandments

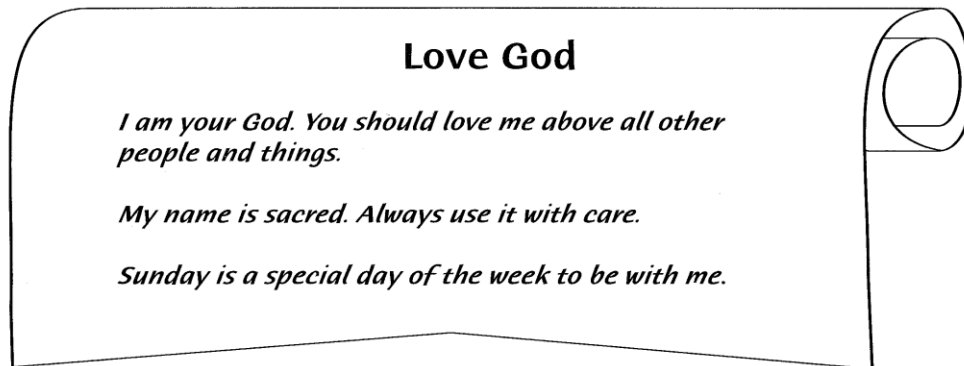
God gave us the Ten Commandments. They teach us how to live for God and for others. They help us follow the moral law to do good and avoid evil. They also bring us closer to God and closer to one another.

- 1. I am your God; love no one or anything more than me.**
- 2. Use God's name with respect.**
- 3. Keep the Lord's Day holy.**
- 4. Honor and obey your parents.**
- 5. Treat all human life with respect.**
- 6. Respect your body and the bodies of others.**
- 7. Respect what belongs to others.**
- 8. Tell the truth.**
- 9. In marriage, husbands and wives respect each other.**
- 10. Be happy with what you have.**

We follow the Ten Commandments both by what we do and also by what we do not do. We follow Christ's way of love when we are respectful, honest and truthful. Ask Jesus to help you make good choices all of the time even when it is hard. He helps us see what is good and true when we pray.

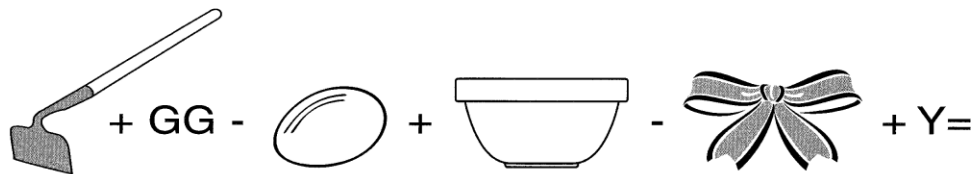
Families have rules. Schools have rules.
Games have rules. Rules keep things fair.
Rules help things run more smoothly.
God also has rules. If everyone follows

God's rules, we will all live together in peace and love. First, we need to know, love, and respect God. So God gave us these rules.



These rules about God tell us that God is *sacred*. Do you know what *sacred* means?

To find out, solve this rebus, using the line below to work on.



Sacred means HOLY. If something is sacred or holy, that means it is worthy of complete devotion and trust. The Ten Commandments are respected as sacred and should be followed as the way to be with God.

The first rules God gave us taught us to know, love, and stay close to God. But there are more rules to learn if we want to live in

peace. We need to know, love, and get along with others. So God gave us these rules.

Love One Another

Honor your father and mother.

Be kind to other people. Never hurt them in any way.

Be faithful and loyal to those you love.

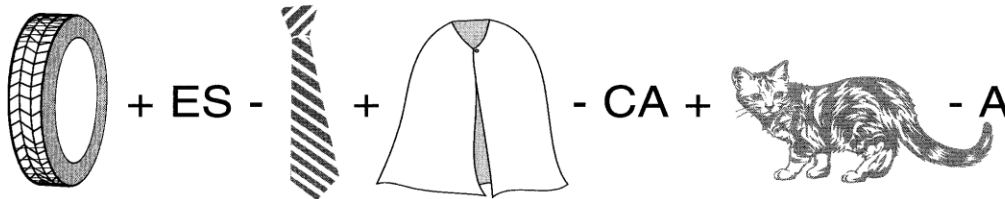
Honor what belongs to others. Take only what belongs to you.

Always tell the truth.

Be happy for the blessings of others.

These rules talk about honoring other people and what belongs to them. Do you know what *honor* means?

To find out, solve this rebus, using the line below to work on.



Honor means RESPECT. Respect means deserving of high moral standards of behavior. We should treat God and his commandments with respect and honor so that we may become closer to Him and one another.

Prayer:

Dear Jesus, help me respect your gifts and take care of them, be kind and caring, be honest and truthful. Help me to show my love for you in all I do and say. Amen.