



WELCOME

@HOME: WEEK OF JAN 24

TEACHING EXPLANATION

After watching the teaching with Ms. Char, set aside 5-10 minutes as a full group to discuss the lesson. Talk about what you learned or what stood out to you.

QUESTIONS FOR COMPREHENSION

- What is the Law as it was given to the Israelites in Exodus?
- Why was the Law given to the Israelites?
- Who did God use to give His commandments to His people?
- What are the 2 things that the Law is founded in? (How to love God and how to love others)

MEMORY VERSE

"They said to each other, 'Weren't our hearts burning within us while he was talking with us on the road and explaining the Scriptures to us?'" Luke 24:32 (CSB)

This week we've included the memory verse in large print on a piece of paper. Say the verse together a few times as a group. Then, have one volunteer leave the room (or turn his back). Point to one word from the verse so the others can see it (don't say the word out loud). Then the volunteer returns to the room (or turns back around), but is not allowed to see the verse displayed. The group says the verse, but claps on the selected word without saying it. The volunteer should try to say which word was skipped. If they get stumped, let them look at the verse display. Take turns clapping on various words.

SALT AND LIGHT

VIDEO NOTES

We are continuing this week in our Sermon on the Mount Series by talking about Christ as the Fulfillment of the Law in Matthew 5. We have several videos for you to watch and enjoy this week together that help explore this a little deeper.

INTRO VIDEO:

Start with Ms. Keelea as she recaps last week for us and what's in-store for this week.

TEACHING AND OLD TESTAMENT STORY:

This week Ms. Char brings us both the teaching and the Old Testament story in one video! Take time following the video to talk through the questions in the Teaching Explanation section of the guide.

WORSHIP:

Feel free to use additional Woodlands Kids Worship Videos available on YouTube, but we recommend doing these three songs together for a time of worship as a family:

- Waymaker
- Wavewalker
- Real Love

Watch this video on The Law from Bible Project as an additional teaching tool this week! Find the video at woodlandschurch.org/kids under the @HOME section for this week.

WOODLANDS IN THE WORD

This week we are finishing the book of Matthew by reading Matthew Chapters 25-28 and beginning Mark Chapters 1-3. Check-in with your group and see how it is going, when they are reading, and if they are reading it with anyone else in their home-who are they reading it with. If your group is a bit behind, go ahead and take some time to read a few chapters together!

ACTIVITY 1:

We've included sheets (1 per child) that have 4 tablets on them. Have the kids write out 2 laws in the community and talk about them. Why do those laws exist? Then have them list two rules they have at home. After completing this activity talk about these questions:

- Why do those rules exist?
- What makes a **law** different from a **rule** in your household?
- What makes a law or a rule different from a personal lifestyle choice (for example, the length of your hair)?
- Why should we follow God's Laws?

ACTIVITY 2:

For younger children in your group we've included a coloring page of Moses receiving the Ten Commandments from God.

ACTIVITY 3:

For readers in your group we've included a Finish the Fable which is to be completed in groups of 2-3. Enough copies are provided for all of the kids in your group.

ACTIVITY 4:

Ten Commandments Race: In your @HOME packs are 2 tablets with the 10 Commandments written on them (except they're missing a key word!). You've also been provided with the key word that's missing. Line up the kids and give the first child in line a random answer piece. He or she must advance to the tablets and place the answer wherever he or she believes it to be the correct answer. Then they return to the start line and tag off the next player. The next play in line takes his or her turn, playing as before. If they believe the answer is incorrect from the previous player they can also change it. Play continues until all the answers are placed correctly. Play in 2 separate teams and race to be the first team to place all the answers correctly!

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- Remember when we talked about God's mercy way back during our Rooted in the Greatness of God series? We talked about how mercy is not getting what we deserve and grace is getting what we don't deserve. Revisit this as a group and talk through examples of mercy and grace.
- Why did God give His people laws?
- What would happen if you didn't follow this law?
- What are some consequences to not following the law?
- What is the difference between living under the Law and living under Grace?

PRAYER TIME

We've included a card that has names and pictures of key people in our government. Take time to pray for each of these individuals as they make laws that govern the people.