



THE 10 COMMANDMENTS

Explorer Level

‘A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.’

John 13:34

Purpose

To help you see the Ten Commandments as a guide for your life, in grateful response to God’s gift of salvation.

Exploring

1. We must learn to see God’s laws as a loving way of life and not as a lot of dos and don’ts.

- a. Read Matthew 22: 37-40. Write it down in your own words.

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- b. John 14: 15 is your Cadet Verse. Write it down (you could make this an attractive full-page insert)

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- c. What does this verse tell us we must do before we can keep God’s commandments?

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2. God tells us how He wants us to live in His Ten Commandments.

- a. Read Exodus 20: 1-17. List and number the Ten Commandments.

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- b. To help understand what God's laws mean for us, let's look at one commandment.

(1) What does the sixth commandment say?

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(2) Have you ever disobeyed this commandment?

(3) What does Jesus tell us this commandment means?

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(4) Now do you understand this commandment better, have you ever broken it?

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- c. Let's look at the eighth commandment.

(1) What happens if a person robs a bank?

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(2) What happens when a person breaks God's law? Romans 6: 23a

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(3) What does the rest of Romans 6: 23 say?

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(4) How can we receive this 'free gift'? John 3: 16

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(5) How would you respond if a person had just saved you from drowning?

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(6) How should we respond to God who has saved us from sin and death?

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3. Read Romans 3: 21-28. Discuss this passage with your Counsellor. Then write down what it means in your own words. Describe how God's Law helps us discover the way to live as Christians, but that we can't earn our salvation by keeping it.

Doing

1. Memorize Matthew 22: 37-40 and one other verse from this merit badge.
2. Make a wall poster for your room of the Ten Commandments and to each commandment add the line 'I will...' giving a positive way in which to keep this law.

Reflection

Share what you have learned about the way a Christian lives with your Counsellor. Talk about the importance of love - God's love for you and your love for Him. Discuss where God's law fits in His plan for your salvation. Go over the ways you feel His commandments can be put into practice at your Cadet meetings and in your life.

Ask your Counsellor to sign below and arrange for the presentation of your badge.

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