Bible Story: Ten Commandments • Exodus 19:1-20:21
Teaching Focus: Obedience to God.
Weekly Verse: *"Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do."* • Ephesians 6:1 NLT

1. **Opening & Prayer**

"Have you ever had a rule at home that you did not understand? Today we'll learn why God gave His people rules and what those rules show us about His love. As you watch, notice how rules can help us love God and love other people."

Let's pray.

"Dear God, thank You for loving us and teaching us what is right. Help us listen, obey with a good attitude, and make choices that honor Jesus. Thank You for forgiving us when we make mistakes. In Jesus' name, amen."

2. **Video Lesson on Jellyfin**

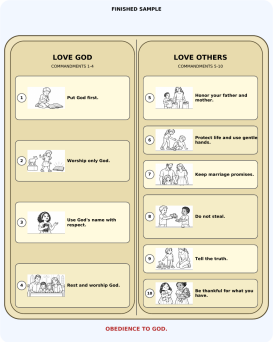
3. **Discussion**

"Let's talk about what we learned in today's Bible Story. God gave Moses the Ten Commandments to show the Israelites how to have a relationship with Him and how to love other people. God's law is good, but none of us obeys perfectly. That is why we need Jesus, who forgives us and helps us choose what is right."

- "The video host asked us to talk with our small group leader about some house rules we have and why we think those rules exist. What is one house rule in your home, and why do you think your family has that rule?"
  (Let several children share. Help them notice that good rules can protect people, help a family work together, and teach us how to show love and respect.)
- "Our Weekly Verse from Ephesians 6:1 NLT says, 'Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.' How can obeying your parents with a good attitude show love and honor to Jesus?"
  (We honor Jesus when we listen, obey, and choose a respectful attitude, even when we would rather do something else.)

  "The Ten Commandments show us how to love God and love others. We cannot earn God's love by following rules perfectly. God already loves us, and Jesus gives us grace when we make mistakes. Because we love Jesus, we can ask Him to help us obey and choose what is right. Remember our ***[Teaching Focus] Obedience to God."***

4. **God's Law of Love Sort-and-Glue Foldable**



What You Need:

- ☐ Two-page "God's Law of Love Foldable" printable, one set per child
- ☐ White cardstock
- ☐ Crayons or markers
- ☐ Child-safe scissors
- ☐ Glue sticks

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

• Print both pages of the foldable on white cardstock, one set per child.

• Make one completed sample by coloring the pictures, cutting around the dashed outer line on Page 1, folding along the solid center line, and gluing the four sorted commandment cards into the correct blank spaces.

• Pre-cut the outer foldable and the four commandment cards for children who need support with scissors or fine-motor tasks.

During the Activity:

• Give each child both printable pages and have the children write their names on Page 1.

• Invite the children to color the six commandments already pictured on the tablets and the four large commandment cards on Page 2.

• Have the children cut around the dashed outer line on Page 1, then help them fold along the solid center line.

• Have the children cut out the four large commandment cards from Page 2.

• Show one card at a time. Read the words aloud, talk about what is happening in the picture, and ask whether it belongs under Love God or Love Others.

• Let the children place all four cards in the blank spaces without glue. Check their choices, then have them glue the cards in place.

After the Activity:

• Point to both sides of the foldable. Remind the children that God's commandments teach us how to love Him and how to love other people.

• Connect the craft to the ***[Teaching Focus] Obedience to God.***

What You Say:

Before the Activity:

> "God gave Moses the Ten Commandments because He loved His people. The commandments were not just a list of rules. They showed the Israelites how to love God and how to love other people. Today we'll complete a foldable by deciding where four pictured commandments belong."

During the Activity:

> "The left tablet shows choices that help us love and honor God. The right tablet shows choices that help us love and honor other people. Look closely at each picture while I read the words. Decide which tablet it belongs on, but wait to glue it until we check our choices together."

After the Activity:

> "We do not follow God's law to make Him love us. He already loves us, and Jesus forgives us when we make mistakes. We obey because we love God and want our choices to honor Him. Our Weekly Verse reminds us that obeying our parents is one way we can do what is right. Remember our ***[Teaching Focus] Obedience to God."***

EveryChild Pro-Tips

- Offer a pre-cut foldable and four pre-cut cards to children who find cutting difficult.
- Present one card at a time so children are not overwhelmed by all four choices.
- Let a child point to Love God or Love Others while a leader or buddy places and glues the card.
- Use the completed sample as a visual guide for children who benefit from seeing the finished steps.
- Let children keep the page flat if folding is difficult. They can still use both sides as a visual reminder.

5. **Pass the Tablet (Optional, if time allows)**

What You Need:

- ☐ Lightweight cardboard or cardstock stone tablet, one
- ☐ Music and a device to play it (use one of the worship loops)

What You Do:

Before the Activity:

- Make one lightweight stone tablet prop from cardboard or cardstock.
- Have the children sit in a circle with enough space to pass the tablet gently from one child to the next.
- Explain that children will pass the tablet with two hands while the music plays. When the music stops, everyone freezes.
- Explain that no one is eliminated. If a child does not want to answer alone, the whole group will help.

During the Activity:

- Start the music and have the children pass the tablet gently around the circle.
- Stop the music after several seconds. Read one easy prompt to the child holding the tablet.
- Let the child demonstrate the action, then have the entire group copy the action or repeat the words together.
- Begin the music again and continue for eight to ten short rounds. Reuse prompts as needed so every child can participate successfully.

Easy Prompts:

- Show me your listening ears.
- Pretend to pick up your toys.
- Pretend to help your parent.
- Show me gentle hands.

- Show how you pray.
- Point up and say, ‘God is first!’
- Say, ‘I can obey God!’
- Give someone a kind wave.
- Pretend to return a toy.
- Repeat, ‘Children, obey your parents.’
- Show a happy face while obeying.
- Name one person you should obey.

After the Activity:

- Place the tablet in the center of the circle and say together, ‘I can obey God!’
- Remind the children that obeying parents, teachers, and leaders is one way they can honor God.

What You Say:

> “You listened carefully, waited for the music to stop, and followed some very simple directions. God gave the Israelites commandments to help them know how to love Him and love others. Our Weekly Verse says, ‘Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do.’ We can ask Jesus to help us listen and obey with a good attitude. Remember our ***[Teaching Focus] Obedience to God.”***

EveryChild Pro-Tips

- Let children pass the tablet while seated or hand it directly to the next child if reaching is difficult.
- Allow a child to point, copy the group, or pass on answering without being singled out.
- Use short music intervals and repeat prompts so the game stays predictable.
- For a large group, use two circles with one leader and tablet in each circle.
- For a small group, let each child receive more than one turn.