

August

Elementary Parent Sheet

All month I will be exploring God's first four rules about loving God and how He gave them to His people.

My Memory Verse:
Happy are the people who keep his rules.
They ask for help with their whole heart.
Psalm 119:2 (ICB)

August 7, 2022

~ God Gives Moses His Rules

Exodus 19:1-20:23, 24:1-18, and 31:18

Weekly Scripture:

"Remember my commands and obey them. I am the Lord." Leviticus 22:31 (ICB)

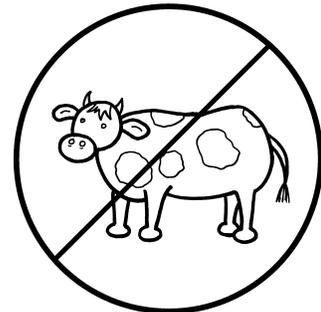
- Discuss with your child how God's rules are like road signs that help us stay on the right track. It isn't always easy, but with God's help it is possible to obey God's rules and avoid all kinds of bumps in the road that can get us into trouble!

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~ The Israelites Make a God

Exodus 31:18-24:28

Rules 1 & 2: Don't have any other gods except Me.
Don't make idols or serve them.



Weekly Scriptures:

You must not have any other gods except me. You must not make for yourselves any idols.

Don't make something that looks like anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the water below the land.

Exodus 20:3-4 (ICB)

- Keeping God first in our lives is a daily challenge and anything that becomes more important to us than God is an idol. Start a family prayer or devotion time to help you keep God in His rightful place in your family.

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~ Job Respects God Instead of Cursing Him

Job 1:1-22

Rule 3: Use My name respectfully and thoughtfully.

Weekly Scripture:

You must not use the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly. The Lord will punish anyone who is guilty and misuses his name. Exodus 20:7 (ICB)

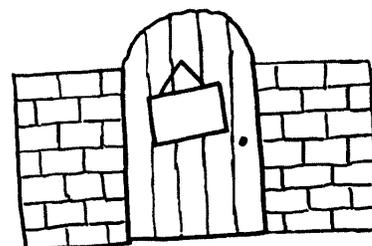
- Explore some of God's names with your child to increase your understanding of who He is and why His name should be used respectfully and thoughtfully.

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~ Nehemiah Makes the Sabbath Special Again

Nehemiah 4:6-23, 6:15-16, 8:1-18, 10:29-31, 13:15-22

Rule 4: Make the Sabbath a special day - rest don't work.



Weekly Scripture:

Remember to keep the Sabbath as a holy day. You may work and get everything done during six days each week. But the seventh day is a day of rest to honor the Lord your God.

Exodus 20:8-10a (ICB)

- Discuss as a family some things you can do to help make your "Sabbath" more restful.



God gave us rules not to make our life miserable. He gave us the Ten Commandments out of His love for us to give us direction and help us avoid unnecessary difficulties. He knew if we obeyed His rules we would be happier, despite what we may think. The really cool thing is that God gave His rules thousands of years ago but they are still as applicable today as they were when He gave them to His people on Mt. Sinai!

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