

Master Plan • Middle Elementary • Fall Year 2 • *God's Grace in the Law*

Lesson Number and Title		Bible Truth	Lesson Focus	Memory Work Ten Commandments New King James Version
UNIT 1: Learning to Love and Worship God	1 God Is Our Redeemer and Law-Giver	Preface: Exodus 20:1-2 God reminded Israel that he redeemed them from slavery with mighty acts of power and gave them his law to show them how to live as his people. (Exod. 19; Deut. 5)	To understand why God reminded his people that he redeemed them from slavery before giving them the Ten Commandments; to learn that God has redeemed us from sin through Christ and calls us to trust him and obey his law; to discover why we owe God our trust, thankfulness, love and obedience.	And God spoke all these words, saying: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." Exodus 20:1-2
	2 Worshiping God Alone	First Commandment: Exodus 20:3 God requires his redeemed people to worship him alone. (Exod. 14-15)	To understand that the God of the Bible is the only true God; to discover what it means to know and worship the Lord our God.	"You shall have no other gods before Me." Exodus 20:3
	3 Worshiping God His Way	Second Commandment: Exodus 20:4-6 The one true God commands us to worship him in the way he tells us, and not to use idols or any created image in our worship of him. (Exod. 32; John 4; Deut. 4)	To understand and learn: what it means to worship the true God; God commands us to worship in the way he tells us; we must not invent our own ways to worship God.	"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth, you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." Exodus 20:4-6
	4 Honoring God's Name	Third Commandment: Exodus 20:7 God commands us to respect and reverence him and his name, promising to bless those who honor his name and punish those who dishonor his name. (Lev. 24; Rom. 10)	To learn that God's name tells us who God is; to learn that God also makes himself known to us by his Word and his mighty works; to find out what it means to treat God's name, Word and works with reverence.	"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain." Exodus 20:7
	5 Enjoying God's Special Day	Fourth Commandment: Exodus 20:8-11 God requires his people to keep one day holy to rest from work and worship him. (Exod. 31; Deut. 5)	To understand why God made the Sabbath day; to understand why God says to "remember" the Sabbath; to learn how we are to keep the Sabbath.	"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work: you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your male servant, nor your female servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it." Exodus 20:8-11
	6 Respecting Authority	Fifth Commandment: Exodus 20:12 God commands us to honor our parents and all other lawful authorities he places over us. (Deut. 6; Eph. 6; Col. 3)	To discover how we honor our parents; to understand that we must show respect to all who are in authority over us; to learn that we honor God when we honor those in authority.	"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God is giving you." Exodus 20:12 Review: Exodus 20:8-11
	7 Respecting Human Life	Sixth Commandment: Exodus 20:13 God created people in his own image and therefore says that human life is sacred and must be protected. (Gen. 1, 4, 9; Num. 35; Exod. 22; Matt. 5; Eph. 4)	To understand that the sixth commandment forbids murder or hate; to understand that we are to love, respect and protect other people because we are all made in God's image.	"You shall not murder." Exodus 20:13 Review: Exodus 20:1-12
	8 Being Faithful in Marriage	Seventh Commandment: Exodus 20:14 God, who ordained marriage, commands purity before marriage and faithfulness in marriage. (Gen. 2; Eph. 4-5; 1 Cor. 6)	To understand that God made marriage to be between one man and one woman for all their lives.	"You shall not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14 Review: Exodus 20:1-13
	9 Trusting God's Provision	Eighth Commandment: Exodus 20:15 God commands us not to take what belongs to others, but to depend on him to provide our needs. (Ps. 24; Phil. 4; Eph. 4; 2 Thess. 3; 1 Thess. 4; Gal. 6)	To understand that we must not take what belongs to others; to learn that we must trust God to provide; to discover that we must work to pay for our needs and to help others.	"You shall not steal." Exodus 20:15 Review: Exodus 20:1-14
	10 Speaking Only What Is True	Ninth Commandment: Exodus 20:16 Because God loves truth and hates lies, he commands his people to speak the truth at all times. (Deut. 19; Prov. 12, 18, 22; Gen. 3; John 8, 14; Lev. 19; Ps. 25; Eph. 4)	To discover what it means to be honest and truthful with others; to know that God's people are called to be truthful at all times; to understand why telling the truth is important.	"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor." Exodus 20:16 Review: Exodus 20:1-15
UNIT 3: Learning to Depend on Jesus	11 Learning to Be Content	Tenth Commandment: Exodus 20:17 God requires us to be content with what he gives us and not to envy others for what he gives them. (1 Kings 21; 1 Tim. 6; Luke 12; Phil. 4)	To learn that, as children of God, we are to be satisfied with what we have and thank God for what he gives us and others; to ask the Lord Jesus to help us learn to be content as we grow in trusting and obeying him.	"You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's." Exodus 20:17
	12 Responding to God's Commandments	The rich young man thought he had kept all the commandments and therefore earned eternal life; but when Jesus told him to sell all he had and follow him, the young man walked away, showing that he loved his money and possessions more than he loved God. (Matt. 19; 1 John 1)	To understand how the law points out our sin; to discover that the law points the sinner to Christ the Savior, who kept the law and suffered its penalty for the sinner; to trust in Christ as the Savior who kept the law for us and suffered death to pay for our sin, and thank God for providing such a wonderful Savior.	Review: Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17
	13 Depending on Jesus	The Ten Commandments remind Christians that they must depend on Jesus to obey his commands, confess their sin and show their gratitude for such a great salvation by the way they live. (Exod. 19, 20; Rom. 8; Heb. 10; Col. 3; Phil. 1)	To remember that the law points sinners to Christ the Savior; to understand that Christians need to confess when they sin and ask Jesus for forgiveness; to recognize that the Ten Commandments show forgiven Christians how God wants them to live.	Review: Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1-17

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