

Chapter 5 – New Rules Day One – Rules about God

Today's reading: Page 59 through middle of page 62

This reading covers: Exodus 20

Summary: God gives us rules to help us relate to him.

Do together: Have everyone get a piece of paper and cut out what looks like a tablet (see page 38 for a picture). Write the first sentence of the first four commandments on your tablet (starting on page 38: #1 Do not put..., #2 Do not make..., #3 Do not misuse..., #4 Remember to keep...). Post this up on the door to your room or the refrigerator to show that you are going to keep these commandments for God.

Think about: The first four commandments deal with our relationship with God. What are some things that we may place in front of our time with God each day? We hear a lot of people misusing God's name in stores, in school, at work. How can we help people to hear us using God's name in an honoring way? What would it look like for your family keep the Sabbath day holy?

Also read: Matthew 22:34-38

Prayer: Lord, help us to love you with all our hearts, all our souls, and all our minds and put you first each day. We love you Lord. Amen.

Chapter 5 – New Rules Day Two – Rules about Others

Today's reading: Re-read Page 59 through middle of page 62

This reading covers: Exodus 20

Summary: God gives us rules to help us relate to each other.

Do together: Cut out another tablet just like in Day One but now write commandments 5-10 on them (starting on page 40: #5 Honor your father and mother, #6 Do not commit murder, #7 Do not commit adultery, #8 Do not steal, #9 Do not give..., #10 Do not long for...). Post this next to the first tablet to show everyone how you are going to keep these commandments with each other.

Think about: The rest of the commandments deal with our relationship with others. What is one way we can honor our fathers and mothers? What would other people think about our relationship with God if we stole something or lied about something? What do we long for that belongs to a friend or neighbor? We should be satisfied with what God gave us and thank him for filling all of our needs.

Also read: Matthew 22:39-40

Prayer: Lord, help us to show our faith by how we show Christ's love to others in our speech, thoughts, and actions. Thank you for filling our needs. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Chapter 5 – New Rules Day Three – God’s Presence

Today’s reading: Top of page 67 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Exodus 25-26

Summary: God sets up a way to be with his people.

Do together: Build a tent out of chairs and blankets to tell the story of the sacred tent or tabernacle. Bring the Ten Commandment tablets you made in Days One and Two into the tent to finish it off.

Think about: Before Jesus came, God had Moses and the Israelites build this sacred tent so that he could be with them. Today, what are some ways or even places that God is with us? God has given us the Holy Spirit so that he can be with us wherever we go or wherever we stay.

Also read: John 14:15-18

Prayer: Lord, Thank you for always being with us and never leaving us. Thank you for your Holy Spirit that you have given to us so that we can always have you close to us. Thank you so much for setting up a way for us to be with you. Amen.