



Series Overview: This month we are going on a road trip to learn about a “road trip” God’s people took through the wilderness. This road trip was a little less glamorous than what you might have experienced, but it was a long journey all the same. As we pretend to travel with the kids, we will introduce them to God’s “rules of the road” in the ten commandments that He gave to Moses, as well as, the rule Jesus called the greatest commandment – to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Together we will discover that we can love God and others by putting God first, worshipping God, loving our families and loving everyone.

Bible Story: The Fifth, Sixth & Seventh Commandments
(Exodus 20:12-14; Matthew 5:21-24)

Big Idea: We obey God by loving our families.

Series Memory Verse: Love the Lord your God with all your heart. –Luke 10:27a

Lesson Guide:

1. Dance and sing with your child to one or both of these songs.

“The Ten Commandment Boogie” –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2hB5Gqp8Vo&feature=youtu.be>

“Put God First”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b2Oe6R6AFeQ&feature=youtu.be>

2. Open your Bible to Exodus 20, and show your kids where today's true story is found.

3. Tell the Bible story like this:

(Supplies = Bible)

- We're on the road for the third week of our pretend road trip! Along the way, we're hearing more and more about the Ten Commandments or rules God wants us to live by.
- These are the first four we talked about so far – let's review them together:
 - Put God first.
 - No idols. Worship God only.
 - Respect God's name.
 - Worship and rest on God's day.
- Next up, we have commandments five, six, and seven. Each of these commandments are about loving people, especially our families.
- Read this paraphrase of Exodus 20:12-14 aloud "Respect your parents, do not hurt anyone, and keep your promises in marriage."
- We can show our love to our parents and other grownups who take care of us by listening to them and treating them with love and kindness. They want to keep us safe, so obeying them is what's best for us!
- We can show our love to our siblings and other family members by being kind to them. We all get frustrated and angry sometimes, but we should not do or say things that will intentionally hurt them.
- We can also show love to people we make promises to – like when people get married.
- Our families aren't perfect, but God loves each of our family members anyway. . . and we can do the same! After all, no family can have too much love!

4. Show this video to review the Bible story:

<https://vimeo.com/455148320/65d9ce3fb6>

5. Ask your little one(s) these questions:

- What commandments did we hear about today?
- Who are these commandments telling us to show love to?
- Why does God want us to show love to others?
- What are some ways that we can show God we love Him with all of our hearts?

6. Bible Story & Memory Verse Game

(Supplies: 3 bins/ tubs/ baskets and 3 bean bags or balls)

- Review the memory verse and its motions with the kids using this video:
<https://www.vzmessages.com/vl/1e895c63646a9b1a3918b17ee88a24e4c2143195>
- One way we show our love for God is by loving our families, and when we love our families, we try very hard to be kind and loving to them. We try really hard not to hurt them and to keep our promises to them, too.
- *Line up three bins or baskets about five feet away from your kids and to mark a starting line for them to stand behind. Give the first kid in line three beanbags to toss. Explain that the baskets represent the three rules that we learned today (1) honor and respect your parents, (2) not hurting others, and (3) keeping our promises when we get married.*

- Before each kid's turn, have your whole family say the memory verse together.
- Whenever a kid gets a bean bag into a basket say the rule that goes along with that basket, and encourage your family to say it with you.

7. Pray with your family.