

Level 4 - Chapter 8 Lesson Plan

God Gave Us Laws for Living

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- Together with your child, read the playlet, “God Tells Us How to Live.

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- Together with your child, read “Moses Receives the Commandments”
- Discuss with your child:
 - Keeping God’s laws would make the Israelites God’s very own people, and they would live long as a nation. They would become holy people. God said that the people were choosing life if they kept these laws. God also said that his laws were not only for the Israelites, but for all the people who would come after them.
 - These are “The Ten Commandments”
 1. I am the Lord your god; you shall not have strange gods before me
 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
 3. Remember to keep the holy the Lord’s day.
 4. Honor your father and your mother.
 5. You shall not kill.
 6. You shall not commit adultery.
 7. You shall not steal.
 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
 9. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.
 10. You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.
- Discuss the following questions with your child:
 - **Why did God give the people laws?** God loved the people and wanted them to be his own. God wanted them to be happy and holy and to reach heaven safely.

- **How did the people accept God’s laws?** They were happy. They agreed to everything God commanded.
- **God wants us, too, to be his holy people by keeping his laws. He wants us to have life forever in heaven. The head of the Rocky Mountain expedition could have given Michael money as a gift, and God could have given gold to his people. Why wouldn’t money and gold have been better gifts?** Money would not have helped Michael in the wilderness. God would not have helped God’s people show love for him and reach heaven.
- **Discuss:**
 - God has made the same covenant with us as he made with the Israelites: If we follow God’s laws, we will be God’s very own people and live with God forever in heaven.
 - The Ten Commandments will help the world. To survive and be happy, we must choose to stop nuclear warfare, hatred, and poverty. We must choose to live in love and trust as brothers and sisters. God’s Ten Commandments show us how to do this.
 - **Covenant:** a covenant is an agreement that God makes with people. God told the Israelites that he would be their God if they would be his people and obey him.
 - **Why do you think God made this covenant?** God loved the Israelites; God had chosen them to be his own people
 - **What did God lead the Israelites out of?** Slavery in Egypt.

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- Together with your child read, “God Has a Covenant with His People”
- **Discuss:**
 - God met his people at Mount Sinai. A mountain tells us something about God. It is great and beautiful, but God is greater and more beautiful than any mountain in the world. God showed great love for his people by giving them laws to help them be holy and happy.
 - **How did the Israelites show love for God?** They promised to keep the laws.
 - **God has made a covenant with us. God wants us to be holy people, and he wants to fill us with his blessings and peace. How can we**

love and thank God for choosing us to be his very own? By promising to do what God asks and obeying the commandments.

- **What is Moral Law?** The Ten Commandments are our moral law, they show us how to live our lives so that we are pleasing God and respectful to others.

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First Verse:

- Read the first verse together and answer the following:
 - **How can we be good and happy?** By keeping God's word
 - **What did the psalmist say he tries to do with all his heart?** Seek God.
 - **What do we ask God to do for us?** Help us obey his commands

Second Verse:

- Read the second verse together and answer the following:
 - **Do you remember what God promised if we keep his laws?** We will be his people, we will live forever with him in heaven.
 - **In the last line of the verse, what do we ask God to do for us?** We ask God to teach us the commandments.

Third Verse:

- Read the third verse together and answer the following:
 - **What will you be able to do after you learn about all the commandments?** Tell others about them.
 - **Like God's Chosen People, we rejoice to know his laws. How valuable does the psalmist say they are?** As valuable as all riches.

Fourth Verse:

- Read the fourth verse together and answer the following:
 - **What are the two things we need to do?** Think of God's teachings, study God's way
 - **If we love God, where will we find our joy?** In keeping God's laws.
 - **What do we promise God in the last line of the psalm?** I will not forget your words.

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- Read “The Commandments Are Laws of Love”
- Finish the Ten Commandments by writing the missing words from the Word Bank.

Answers:

1. Gods
2. Name
3. Holy
4. Father
5. Kill
6. Adultery
7. Steal
8. False
9. Covet
10. Goods

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- Decoding God’s Message

Answer: Laws of Love

- Together review, We Remember & We Respond & Word to Know

*It is important to regularly review The Ten Commandments and know them by end of spring. It is one of the requirements to go on to Level 5 Prep.

We suggest you review each commandment with your child and talk about it to ensure they know what each one means.