



UNIT 1: GOD OF PROMISES

LESSON 3: LEVITICUS, NUMBERS & DEUTERONOMY



LESSON SNAPSHOT

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SUMMARY:

As part of God's plan for His people, He gave them specific rules to follow. These were given to Moses and handed down for the people to follow. They were ten important things that would help the people love God and love each other.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for giving us rules that remind us how to love You and love our friends.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

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INTRO:

Do you like to follow rules? Most rules are put into place for a reason and they're to keep us safe. But there are some crazy ones out there. Listen to some of the craziest laws in the United States. These are 100 percent true.

In Arizona, it's against the law for a donkey to sleep in a bathtub. This was put into place almost a hundred years ago because of a rancher who owned a donkey who liked to sleep in the bathtub. One day, flood waters made the donkey float miles away. After rescuing the donkey, the town put this law into place.

In Indiana, it's illegal to ride a horse above 10 MPH. This was put into place because of high-speed horse races long ago. So, if you see someone racing a horse in Indiana, better tell them to slow down!

In Maine, you aren't allowed to park in front of a Dunkin' Donuts. People from Maine love their coffee and donuts so much that it can make for a crazy traffic jam. So, if you're ever there, plan to make a hike to get your treats.

In Missouri, bear wrestling is illegal. This is due to animal cruelty violations. Who wants to get close enough to a bear to make it wrestle?

You may want to visit this website to read more crazy laws and pick out others to share with the kids: <https://www.goodhousekeeping.com/life/news/g4039/crazy-state-laws/>

There are some important rules in the Bible, and fortunately they aren't crazy ones like these. Today we will learn about how Moses reminded the people that God had made a covenant with them, and that He would continue to keep His promises.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

They in turn needed to be aware of and follow some rules. After Genesis and Exodus, there are three books in the Bible that give many instructions for how to live. They are Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. Learning these rules for living was the next part of God's big story in the Bible.

READ Deuteronomy 5:1-22

MAIN POINT:

God continued to be with His people, the Israelites. He helped them cross the Red Sea and escape from their slavery in Egypt. They were on a very long journey to get to the land that He had promised to them. Just like with any group of people, they needed some guidelines. God gave them these guidelines through what He called the Ten Commandments. He handed them down to Moses who then handed them down to the people. They were all things to help them live better lives. They helped them know how to love God and how to love people.

These rules were not just for the Israelites a long time ago. They actually apply to us today, so let's go through them and understand how they can help our lives. The first few rules are specifically to teach the people how to better love God. Number one: have no other gods. We are to put the one true God first. There is no other. God should be our first priority. Sometimes that can be hard when other things get in our way.

Number two: don't make any statues or images of other gods. This may seem weird, but there are lots of religions that worship other gods who aren't real. They make statues of them that they pray to. Number three: don't misuse God's Name. His Name is Holy and should be respected. Number four: observe the Sabbath. We should have a day of rest and remember what God has done for us. Often we do this on Sundays when we come together for worship at church.

The rest of the commandments are reminders of how we should love each other.

Number five: honor your father and mother. Honoring means respecting. Does anyone have trouble with that? Or do you all obey your parents without question all the time?

Number six: don't murder. I think it goes without saying that it's not nice to kill! Number seven: don't commit adultery. That means you shouldn't want someone else's husband or wife for your own. Number eight: don't steal. If it's not yours, don't take it! Number nine: don't give false witness against your neighbor. In other words, don't make up lies about other people. Number ten: don't covet your neighbor's stuff. This can be a hard one. We shouldn't wish that we had someone else's family or property.

DRIVE IT HOME:

Some of the commandments probably seem easy for you to follow, while others might seem hard. It was the same for the Israelites. They needed the rules to help them do better and be better. We need them too. When people stop obeying rules that are set up to help us, there can be major consequences.

LARGE GROUP LESSON

When we look through the books of Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy, we see lots and lots of rules that God gave to the people. They often strayed away and forgot to trust God, so they needed specific things in place. The Ten Commandments are the ones that are repeated much later on in the New Testament, so we need to be reminded that they are important for us, too.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for wanting what is best for our lives. Help us to follow the rules that help us to love You and love others better.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION (K-2ND)

ICEBREAKER:

When is a time you had to learn rules for something? Kids may say for school, sports, etc. Were the rules easy to learn? Were they easy to follow?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

You will need a beach ball for this activity. Have the kids stand up. Toss the ball to the group. They will hit it around the room to each other while you count to 10. When you get to 10, the person touching the ball will grab and hold onto it. If it's a girl, all the girls will recite the verse together. If it's a boy, all the boys will recite the verse together. Continue for several rounds.

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

You will need a beach ball with the numbers 1-10 randomly written on it and a numbered list of the 10 Commandments. Have kids stand in a circle. Have them take turns tossing the ball across the circle to each other. When a child catches the ball, they should say the Commandment that corresponds to the number their right hand is touching.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- What are the three books of the Bible that give us rules for living? (Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy)
- Who did God make a covenant with? (Deuteronomy 5:2-3)
- What is the first commandment that God gave? (Deuteronomy 5:7)
- What does God say to do on the Sabbath? (Deuteronomy 5:14)
- How many Commandments did God give? (Deuteronomy 5)

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank You for giving us the Ten Commandments to make our lives better.

*In Jesus' name,
Amen*

CRAFT ACTIVITY

Items needed:

White paper, writing utensils

Give each kid a piece of paper and a pen or pencil. Have them trace both hands onto the paper. Then number the fingers 1-10 left to right. On each finger, they will write a couple of cue words to help them remember the Ten Commandments. Challenge them to look over their hands this week and pick one that they will work on.

Examples:

- 1 – no other gods
- 2 – no statues
- 3 – keep God's Name holy
- 4 – keep the Sabbath
- 5 – honor mom and dad
- 6 – don't murder
- 7 – don't commit adultery
- 8 – don't steal
- 9 – don't lie about people
- 10 – don't covet



MAKE IT STICK

5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With your Kids

The Year Long Bible Journey Leviticus-Deuteronomy

THIS WEEK'S LESSON: LEVITICUS-DEUTERONOMY



IN THE CAR: Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

This week we learned about how God gave His people some special rules called the Ten Commandments. They not only applied to the Israelites, but they apply to us because they are things that help us to love God and others. Deuteronomy 5:1-22 – The Ten Commandments



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Have your child list as many of the 10 Commandments as they can remember. Then look up Deuteronomy 5 together to figure out which ones they forgot.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

- What do you think the most important commandment is?
- What's the hardest commandment for you to follow?
- What's the easiest commandment for you to follow?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

"Never stop reading this Book of the Law. Day and night you must think about what it says. Make sure you do everything written in it. Then things will go well with you. And you will have great success." Joshua 1:8 (NIV)



PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:

Rules are often a struggle for kids and adults alike. Have discussions with your kids this week about how rules help us to be safe. God's rules help us to be better people. Pick out one of the commandments that your family can work on keeping together this week.

LEVITICUS - NUMBERS - DEUTERONOMY

Supplemental Week 3 Readings

Leviticus

Offerings Ch 1-7

Priesthood Ch 8-10

Purification Ch 11-22

Worship Ch 23-27

Numbers

Census taken Ch 1-9

Cloud by day & fire by night Ch 9

Spies Ch 13

Water from the rock Ch 19

Death of Aaron Ch 20

Talking donkey Ch 22

Deuteronomy

Spies to Canaan Ch 1-4

Law re-established Ch 5-26

Appointment of Joshua Ch 30

Death of Moses Ch 34

Leviticus

1:32-35



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Numbers

21:9-9



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Deuteronomy

34:1-4



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