



“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.” Exodus 20:1-3

Remembering the 10 Commandments can be fun.

Follow the below instructions and see how much fun it can be.

First, read all instructions and imagine in your head what the instructions say. Then, read them a second time and draw what you imagined. You do not need to be a great artist. Just draw your best. Compare with your family.

1. Picture a large number one.
2. On top of that number one there is a weather vane.
3. The weather vane is pointing at a bathtub.
4. Inside the bathtub are your parents.
5. Your father is pointing a shotgun.
6. The shotgun is pointed at a doll in a tree.
7. Next to the doll is a robber with a red circle around him and a line through him.
8. Below the robber is a bear waiting to catch him if he falls out of the tree.
9. Next to the bear is a corvette, and inside the corvette is your neighbor’s house.
10. Also, inside the corvette is your neighbor’s spouse, children, and goods and everything else that belongs to your neighbor. (It is a very large corvette.)

There you go—you now memorized the 10 commandments. Flip the page to see how these 10 steps line up with the list, but first see if you can figure out why each step relates to the 10 Commandments.

Draw Your Picture Here



Did you figure out all the steps?

Let's take a closer look. Watch for all the puns.

The 10 Commandments

Picture a large number one.

1. There is only one God. You shall have no other gods.

On top of that number one there is a weather vane.

2. Do not take the Lord's name in vain.

The weather vane is pointing at a bathtub.

3. Remember the Sabbath Day.

Inside the bathtub are your parents.

4. Honor your mother and father.

Your father is pointing a shotgun

5. Do not kill.

The shotgun is pointed at a doll in a tree.

6. Do not commit adultery (a doll-in-a-tree)

Next to the doll is a robber with a red circle around him and a line through him

7. Do not steal.

Below the robber is a bear waiting to catch him if he falls out of the tree

8. Do not bear false witness.

Next to the bear is a corvette, and inside the corvette is your neighbor's house.

9. Do not covet your neighbor's house.

Also, inside the corvette is your neighbor's spouse, children, and goods and everything else that belongs to your neighbor. (It is a very large corvette)

10. Do not covet your neighbor's spouse, children, goods, servants, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.



The 10 Commandments of Moses **versus**



The Beatitudes of Jesus

In 2005, Kurt Vonnegut, noted American author, wrote:

“For some reason, the most vocal Christians among us never mention the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). But, often with tears in their eyes, they demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. 'Blessed are the merciful' in a courtroom? 'Blessed are the peacemakers' in the Pentagon? Give me a break!”¹

Compare the 10 Commandments from Exodus 20 with the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-11.

How do these two lists compare? What is similar about them? What is not the same?

If the Law tells us what is right behavior, and the Beatitudes tells us what is rightly blessed how do we live in the tension of these two declarations?

What would it look like if our courthouses had the phrase “blessed are the merciful” written above the judge's seat?

What would it look like if our military installations had the words “Blessed are the peacemakers” written as you enter?

¹Vonnegut, Kurt. *A Man Without a Country*, Bloomsbury, 2005.