



Family Worship Experience

— READ THE SCRIPTURE —

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Exodus 19:1–20:17; 31:18 from the Bible.



Family Worship Experience

- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever played a game with someone that added rules to the game or changed them as the game went on? Without knowing the rules, you can't know when you do something wrong or why you might get penalized. It's also not fair if the rules change and other players get a chance that you didn't get. It can be very frustrating to not know the rules. You just wish you knew what is required to win the game!

God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments to help them know what is required for a person to be righteous. Everyone had the same commandments, and they didn't change. The first four commandments showed the Israelites what it meant to love God and how to have a right relationship with Him. The other six commandments taught the Israelites how to live with and love others.

God's rules are good and are meant to help us love Him, love others, and live a life that is righteous. There was one big problem. The Israelites—and all people for that matter—could never perfectly follow those rules. The Bible is clear that we all sin and fall short of God's standard for holiness. Our obedience can't save us.

Salvation is found in Jesus alone, the only perfectly righteous One. He takes away the sin of anyone who believes and welcomes them into God's family. To those who believe in Him, Jesus gives power through the Holy Spirit to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39).

God gave His people commandments so they would know how to honor Him and live rightly. Because of sin, no one is able to keep these commandments perfectly. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live a perfect, sinless life. Jesus died and rose again so that sinners can be forgiven.

***Pray:** God, thank You for giving us the commandments to show us what it means to live a righteous life. We all sin, but You loved us enough to send Jesus to bring us back to You. We praise You for crediting His righteousness to all who believe in Jesus! Amen.*



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1 Samuel 2:2



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SING SCRIPTURE

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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Thank God for the Bible showing us what it means to be righteous. Praise Him for showing us how we can receive the righteousness of Jesus when we believe in Him. What does the Bible say about our ability to perfectly obey? What did God do to bring us back into a relationship with Him?

Evenings

Think through your day and take a moment to confess the ways you disobeyed God's commandments. Thank God for the gift of Jesus who took the punishment of sin and credits His perfect life to all those who believe in him.



Family Activities

For Fun

Play a game of "Simon Says". Play a few rounds while making the game increasingly difficult. Try to make it so that no one can perfectly follow the calls to move. Discuss how hard it is to follow God's rules perfectly. Then talk about how Jesus kept all the commandments perfectly on our behalf, and how we are saved by grace and not by following rules.

To Serve

Use a poster board to write out the Ten Commandments from Exodus 20:1-17. Over a 10-day period, study one commandment each day. Discuss how the commandment might help a person to love God or love others. Talk with kids about the ways we might disobey the commandment, and how it points us to Jesus as the only perfectly righteous one.



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THE GOLDEN CALF



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Exodus 32; 34:1-9 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

The average person will spend 52 days of their life waiting in line. That's a lot of ... waiting! We don't like waiting in line at the store, waiting for our food to be ready, and waiting on our sister to get out of the bathroom. The worst is waiting on someone to help us do something we really want to do for ourselves. Waiting makes us impatient and frustrated, which leads us to say or do things we wouldn't normally do.

This was exactly the case for the Israelites. God led His people into the wilderness, but He did not leave them there alone. He was there with them. He provided meat, bread, and water to satisfy them. But when Moses went up on the mountain and did not return for several weeks, the people felt abandoned. Instead of trusting God and being patient, they decided to make something new to worship.

When God saw what they were doing, He wanted to destroy the people. It may sound harsh, but God had every right to do so! They took the worship that belonged to God—the one who saved them from Egypt—and gave it to a metal cow!

The Israelites deserved to be punished for their sin against God, but Moses asked God to forgive the people. In the same way, we deserve to be punished for our sin, but God has made forgiveness available through Jesus.

The people chose to worship a golden calf instead of God, and God's anger burned against them. Moses interceded so that God would forgive them. We are all sinners who deserve the wrath of God, but Jesus interceded for us through His life, death, and resurrection so we can be saved!

***Pray:** God, forgive us for making other things more important than You. Help us remember Your faithfulness and help us keep You first in our lives. Thank You for Jesus and for His sacrifice to save us from our sin. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Praise God for being a compassionate and merciful God. Thank Him for not immediately giving us the punishment we deserve when we sin, and for giving us the chance to be forgiven through faith in Jesus.

Evenings

Ask God to help you trust Him more than anything else. Have you ever trusted in your own ability, other people, or other things more than God? Why Does God deserve to be first in our lives?



Family Activities

For Fun

Bake cookies together as a family. Allow each family member to help in the process. While the cookies bake in the oven, talk about how hard it is to wait for something you really want—like cookies! Talk with kids about how our impatience often reveals what we truly desire most. Pray as a family that God would work in your hearts to desire Jesus and His will more than anything.

To Serve

Take time this week to clean out a closet or toy box. As you prepare to donate or get rid of items, talk about how we all desire to have things that make us feel happy or more popular. Discuss with your kids how our “stuff” can be an idol—something that we love or trust to satisfy us more than God. Ask God to cleanse your heart of any idols and to help you look to Him as your only need.



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BUILDING THE TABERNACLE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Exodus 35:4–40:38 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

The Royal Standard is a unique flag that shares the location of the King of England. The flag is used to let the locals know that the King is near them. When he is staying in Buckingham Palace, the flag flies over the palace to show that he is home. When he travels, the flag is flown from the car, plane, or other home for however long he is there. When he leaves, the flag is lowered and goes with him to the next location. With a flag that always tells people where he is, it doesn't sound like the King would be good at hide and seek!

When the Israelites left Egypt, God went with His people. Like the Royal Standard that shows the King's presence, God made His presence known by leading the people with a cloud by day and fire by night. God desired to dwell with His people, so He gave Moses instructions to build the tabernacle. This tent would be God's home to dwell among His people.

Wherever they traveled, the Israelites would set up the tabernacle in the center of camp as a powerful reminder that God was with His people. God has always wanted to be with His people. Even when sin separated Adam and Eve from God in the garden, God had a plan to be with His people. God sent His Son, Jesus, to live on earth with people. Through Jesus, all who believe can be reunited with God, and one day they will dwell with Him for all eternity!

God told Moses and the people to build the tabernacle so that He could dwell among them. We no longer need a tabernacle, because those who trust in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection have been given the Holy Spirit so that God lives in us, not merely near us.

***Pray:** God, thank You for loving us with an everlasting love and always wanting to be with Your people. Even when sin separated us from You, You sent Jesus to dwell with people. Help us to believe in Jesus so we can have new life and dwell with You forever and ever. Amen.*



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Family Prayer Time

Mornings

Ask God to remind you of His presence throughout your day. How does God's presence bring us peace? How can our love for others be a reminder of God's desire to have a relationship with them?

Evenings

Thank God for your church. Church, like the tabernacle, is a place where we can worship God. Anyone who believes in Jesus has received the Holy Spirit, who dwells with them and in them. This means we can always experience His presence and worship Him!



Family Activities

For Fun

Use blankets and furniture to make an indoor tent. Climb into the tent and read the Bible story together. Tell stories of times you felt God's presence with you and celebrate the fact that God wants to dwell with His people!

To Serve

Volunteer to clean or decorate your church for an upcoming service. Work as a family to prepare the space for worship. As you work, talk with kids about the specific instructions God gave for the tabernacle construction. Remind your kids that the Holy Spirit dwells with and in every believer.



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WORSHIP AT THE TABERNACLE



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of Leviticus 16; 19; 26 from the Bible.



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- TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Have you ever heard the term “scape goat?” This is phrase describes how a person or group takes the blame for others, but did you know this term actually came from the bible? After sacrificing one animal, Leviticus 16:20 talks about how the High Priest would symbolically lay the sins of the Israelites onto a live goat, and then send the goat into the wilderness. This was the scape goat.

God gave the Israelites rules for how they should worship and what to do when they sinned. The Israelites were commanded to worship God through offerings and sacrifices. One of the most important ways the Israelites were commanded to worship God was through the sin offering.

Because sin must be punished, the sin offering required the Israelites to sacrifice an animal. This sacrifice could not fully cover the penalty of sin, so more sacrifices had to be made. It was a sad reminder of the consequences of sin.

The sacrifices God required of His people were a hint of what God was going to do to forgive sinners. We no longer need to offer sacrifices because we trust in Jesus. Jesus offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice that takes away our sin once and for all. Jesus became our scape goat!

God instructed the Israelites to sacrifice animals to demonstrate the forgiveness and removal of sin. God gave His one and only Son, Jesus, as the perfect and final sacrifice for sin. Anyone who trusts in Jesus is forgiven of their sins and made clean forever.

***Pray:** God, You are worthy of worship! Thank You for giving us many ways to worship You. Help us give You the praise You deserve and help us glorify You with our lives. Amen.*



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Mornings

Offer your day to God and ask Him to be glorified through everything You do. How can your obedience be an act of worship?

Evenings

Make a list of ways you can worship God. Thank Him for giving us many options to offer the praise He deserves. What are some ways You worshiped God today?



Family Activities

For Fun

Use the Internet to look up funny laws that are technically still enforceable in the United States. Talk about how those laws might have once had a purpose, but are no longer needed. Now, flip through the book of Leviticus together and read some of the laws God gave the Israelites. Some of these laws are no longer needed, but they still show us how we are to relate to a holy God. Talk about some of the ways your family can use offerings as a way to worship God.

To Serve

Make a monetary donation to a local ministry or missionary partner of your church. Ask each family member to contribute money to the offering. Talk with kids about how our offerings allow us to thank God for all He provides and celebrate what He can do through the ministry of those you support.