

Carved in Stone

Embracing God's Value System

Children's Lesson Thirteen

The Commandment Kids Party

PURPOSE

The purpose for this lesson is to celebrate all the hard work of the children for the last 12 weeks. This week should be fun and games as the children realize the achievement of memorizing the Ten Commandments and seeing how they can be used as moral guidelines for their own lives.



OBJECTIVES

The children will:

- Celebrate their success in memorizing the Ten Commandments.
- Have fun reviewing the Ten Commandments.

SCRIPTURE

- Exodus 20: 1-17

WHAT YOU NEED

- Small prizes for the winners of the games: pencils, candy, knick knacks from a Christian bookstore do well.
- Plastic visors from a hobby store or posterboard
- Yarn ball
- Set of jacks
- Masking tape
- White paper, 8½"x11"
- Markers
- Beads, glitter, stickers, etc.
- Elastic string
- Hole punch
- Ten Commandments Rap song
- Award certificates
- Completed Commandment Crests
- Treats



SETTING THE SCENE

For this session the teacher can pick any of the following activities to review the Ten Commandments. The final activity of this lesson should be the awarding of the certificates for memorizing all of the Ten Commandments. (Throughout this lesson you will want to test the individual children to make sure they know the commandments.) So the children need not wait long for a particular game, you may want to create game stations throughout your room and have several games going on at one time with a volunteer at each game station to help. Depending on the number of children in each class, you may want to bring together all of the children, first through sixth grades, for the party.

ACTIVITIES

1. Jacks or hopscotch games as described in lesson eight.

2. **Commandment Ball.** A ball of yarn or any other soft ball can be used for this game. Have the children sit in a circle. Toss the ball to someone in the circle and say a number from one to ten. The person who catches the ball must say the commandment that corresponds to the number called. If the child cannot say it, the group says the commandment. Then have the child holding the ball say a different number and toss it to someone else in the group. The one who catches the ball must say the corresponding commandment. If he or she cannot, say it as a group. Keep the game going until everyone has had a turn or all of the commandments have been covered a couple of times.

3. **Commandment Walk.** On 8 ½"x11" sheets of paper, write the numbers one through ten, one number per sheet of paper. Tape the papers on the floor in a big circle. Divide children into groups of ten. (Only ten children can play at a time. If you have more children, they can be playing another game elsewhere in the room.) Have each child stand on a number, then have them start walking from one number to the next. After a few moments, the teacher can either draw number from a hat or just state a number. The child standing on that number needs to say the corresponding commandment. If he or she can say it, he or she gets to stay in the game. If he or she cannot say it, he or she needs to sit down. Continue on until there is only one player left. This player gets a prize for being the last one in the game.

4. **Commandment Visor.** Using plastic visors found at a hobby store or homemade visors, the children will make a sun visor to proclaim to all that they are Commandment Kids. If you are using plastic visors, use either colored glue or fabric paint to have the children write "Commandment Kid" across the front of it. They can decorate it with beads, glitter, yarn, stickers, or other craft items you may have on hand. Let the visors dry and the students can wear them home.

If you are using homemade visors use the pattern for the visor included in this lesson. You may want to cut out the visors beforehand or have patterns for the older children to use. Use white poster board for this activity. Using the pattern for the visor, cut a visor out of poster board. Punch a hole on each side of the visor and tie ends of an elastic string the size of the child's head to each hole. Let the children write "Commandment Kid" across the front with colored glue, or fabric paint. They then can decorate the visor with beads, glitter, yarn, etc. The children now have sun visors that proudly display that they are Commandment Kids.

5. **Commandment Song.** Review the Ten Commandment Rap song from lesson nine.

6. **Commandment Party.** Because this is a party, you may want to provide treats at the end of this lesson.

For the final activity, bring the class together to hand out the awards for memorization of the Ten Commandments. By now you should know all those who memorized all of the commandments. Using award certificates found at a school supply, office supply or hobby store, present the certificates to each hardworking and deserving child.

Allow the students to collect their Commandment Crests and Commandment Visors so they can take these items home.

Have a good time celebrating the children's accomplishments.

