

GOD SHOWS WHAT IS RIGHT AND GOOD

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Bible Lesson:
Psalm 119:9–16

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Do you like to put puzzles together? Do you look at the box to know what it is supposed to look like? Have you ever played a board game? Did someone teach you the rules? Or did you make them up as you went along? Have you ever received a present that a grownup had to put together before you could use it or play with it? Lots of things in our lives come with instructions, rules, or pictures. These things show us how to do something or what something is supposed to look like.

When God gave Moses and the people of Israel the Ten Commandments, it



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**Introduction to the
Ten Commandments**

I am the LORD
thy God.

was like God giving them an instruction manual that no other group of people had. God's people would know how life works better than anyone else. If life were a puzzle, they would be the only people with the picture on the box. If life were a board game, they would be the only people with the rule book.

The Ten Commandments were a gift to God's people. They showed God's people they were His treasured possession. They showed God's people how to live in a way that honored the LORD. They showed other nations that there was no other god like the LORD. God promised His people if they obeyed His commandments, He would bless them.

But God's people did not keep His commandments. They disobeyed again and again. They turned away from the one true God and served other gods. But God still loved them. Again and again, He forgave them.

God's commandments are His gift to us too. The Ten Commandments show us what is good and right. The Ten Commandments show us how to live in a way that honors God and respects our neighbors. The first three commandments teach us to love and obey God. The last seven commandments teach us to love and serve one another. All the Ten Commandments were given

because God loves us and cares for us.



MEMORY VERSE

“O LORD, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You.”

I Chronicles 17:20a

ENRICHMENT MEMORY VERSE

John 1:17

Activity 1

ARE YOU PUZZLED?



Find the correct words in the puzzle pieces to write in the boxes. One word will be used two times.

1. The Ten Commandments were a to God's people.

2. They showed God's people

- they were His treasured possession.
- how to the LORD.

3. God promised to His people if they obeyed His commandments.

4. God's people and did not keep God's commandments.

5. But God loved and them.

6. The Ten Commandments show us

- what is good and right.
- how to the LORD.
- how to our neighbors.

7. God gave the Ten Commandments because He loves and for us.



Activity 2

GOD'S COMMANDMENTS SHOW US OUR SIN

Do you always obey God's commandments? No, none of us do. Because we are born with sin in our hearts, we cannot perfectly keep them. When we break God's commandments, we sin against God. But Jesus died on the cross for our sin so that we can be forgiven.

Draw a heart around the ways we can honor God or serve our neighbor.
Draw a cross on the sins we need to confess to God.

1. Be kind.

2. Cheat on a test.

3. Read my Bible.

4. Share my toys.

5. Disobey my parents.

6. Pray to God.

8. Tell a lie.

7. Hit my classmate.

9. Help with chores.

10. Sing praises to God.

Do you believe Jesus is your Savior? When you disobey God's commandments, confess your sin to God. He will be happy to forgive you. God will help you follow and obey His commandments.