



Ten Commandments Review

OBJECTIVE

To help groups review the Ten Commandments and experience them as God's good and gracious will for their lives.

FOCUS THIS WEEK

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, he made it clear there were two: Love God above all else and love your neighbor as yourself. Everything else falls into these two categories. The only law a Christian needs to worry about is love.

FAITH5 SMALL GROUP TIME



SHARE highs and lows to set the stage for a more open and meaningful discussion. Pair group members up one-on-one to share the best and worst things that happened this week. After a short while, return to small group and invite each person to share their partner's highs and lows. Encourage youth to write their personal highs and lows, those of their partner, and a short prayer on their FAITH5 Small Group Time Handout.



READ and highlight the theme verse, Psalm 22:27, 29-31, in your Bibles and circle key words. A musical version of this Scripture verse can be found at www.faithink.com, FINKlink TC10.



TALK about how the Bible reading might relate to today's highs and lows. Supplement your discussion with some of the following.

A. IMAGES IN WORDS AND ART

Take a look at the theme art and cartoons. What do you see in the art? Ask youth where they are in the art. How might the art and the theme verse apply to your group highs and lows today?

B. ROLE PLAY

1. You chair the city council of your town. Mrs. Glemp is offended by the "Ten Commandments" replica stone in the front entrance of the city library and wants it removed. What is your opinion? On what do you base it?
2. You chair the same city council. The owner of a private but historic building has hung a giant painting of the Nativity as a Christmas decoration for the city. Mrs. Glemp wants it removed. What is your opinion? On what do you base it?

C. QUESTIONS TO PONDER

1. **What are the Top Ten highlights of your year so far? What are the great moments you remember?** Affirm all thoughtful answers.
2. **What are the Top Ten highlights of your Christian life?** Affirm all thoughtful answers.
3. **Summarize the Ten Commandments in one sentence:** Affirm all thoughtful answers. Look for the word “love” as part of the summary.

D. QUOTATIONS Ask youth to choose a quotation and share their thoughts and questions about it.

E. TERMS OF THE WEEK Review these key terms and write definitions.

Consequences: The result of one’s actions.

Law: The body of rules and principles governing the affairs of a community.

Obedience: The quality or condition of being obedient and following rules.

Rules: A prescribed direction for conduct, especially one of the regulations governing procedure in a legislative body or a regulation observed by the players in a game or sport.

Torah: The first five books of the Hebrew Scriptures (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).

F. GROUP BUSINESS

1. **Servant Event Idea:** Paraphrase or expand the Ten Commandments to cover family rules at home or personal conduct in small group or at church.

2. **FAITH5 Home Huddle:** Encourage youth to take a few minutes for FAITH5 with their families each night at home, using the FAITH5 Journals or the Home Huddle Handout.

G. WRAP UP Summarize the event with your group, assigning someone to share what you learned at closing.

- One new thing we learned today
- One thing we already knew that is worth repeating
- One thing we would like to know more about
- The highest highs and lowest lows which our group will bring to the closing prayer



PRAY for one another. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask the Holy Spirit to be with you in your lows. Include your friend’s highs and lows in your prayers. Toss a newspaper into the center of the group or invite youth to think of something going on in the world that calls for prayer. **Tip:** Gather in a circle. Hold hands, lock arms or go shoulder-to-shoulder to bond your group!



BLESS one another by name. Trace a cross on each hand or forehead. Look them in the eyes and give them a smile. As for their blessing as well!