



The Ten Commandments

Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-17

Key Verse:

Then God spoke all of these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Exodus 20:1-2

10 by 10

Retell the Ten Commandments

You will need:

- † Bible
- † Empty cereal boxes (or other long, flat boxes)
- † Brown or gray mailing or craft paper
- † Tape
- † Markers
- † A copy of the commandments separated and numbered

Preparation:

1. Gather all materials.
2. Cover ten empty cereal boxes with brown or gray paper (both sides).
3. This activity can be used as a single activity to introduce or summarize the series, or it can be used on weeks two through five focusing only on the commandments covered then. Week one can be skipped or the focus can be on the Matthew 22:34-40 accompanying text.

Instructions:

1. Use a single group, one small group for each commandment, or several groups per commandment. Assign commandment(s) to each group.
2. Give each group a “stone” tablet and a copy of the commandments.
3. **Find the commandment(s) you are given on the sheet.**
4. **Brainstorm as a group how to rewrite that commandment using your own words. Write it on your stone tablet.**
5. **Now think of a way to rewrite your commandment in a positive way and add that to the back of your tablet. For example, “Do not cheat,” could become “Be honest in your work.”**
6. Ask groups to share their tablets or challenge them to act them out charades-style!



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