

Three easy steps for an at-home experience!



BIG IDEA: Love God

All of the law can be summed up in two commands. Love God. Love People. The 10 commandments give us a starting point for living that out in our day-to-day activities. This week, we will focus on the first four commandments and how we should Love God.



STEP ONE: READ THE BIBLE STORY

Exodus 20 from the NIV
Pages 131-134 in the Read With Me Bible.



STEP TWO: WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

Available at youtube.com/eastviewkids
Restaurant Series- Week 2



STEP THREE: CHOOSE AN ACTIVITY

FOR ALL KIDS: No Substitutes

Materials: Shoes

The first Commandment says, "Do not put any other gods in place of me" (Exodus 20:3).

Have each family member grab a pair of tennis shoes and put them on their hands. Now have them follow these directions:

- Shake hands with someone.
- Scratch your head.
- Cover your eyes.
- Fold your hands.
- Pick up a spoon.

After having some fun with this, follow up with an explanation. It was pretty hard to use our shoes as hands, wasn't it? It wouldn't work to substitute shoes for hands!

In the same way that shoes can never substitute for our hands, nothing can ever substitute for God.

Look up and read Jeremiah 10:10a: "But you are the only true God. You are the only living God. You are the King who rules forever."

This verse means that God is the only true God. We can't substitute anything or anyone else in God's place.

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FOR ALL KIDS: Who's on the Throne

Materials: Various items from around the house, picture or drawing of a crown

Play a fun and tasty game to lead into a teaching about God's provision for the Israelites.

Gather items from your house that represent things that are important to you or that take up your time (TV remote, ball, food, etc.).

Place all the items on a chair. Now pretend that the chair is not a chair, but a throne.

Take out the crown picture—it represents God. God should be the most important in our lives. Is there room here for God with all this other stuff in the way? No way!

You see, we can let many other things crowd God off the throne of our lives. It is OK to have these things in our lives--they are not bad or evil. But we should NEVER allow them to have first place in our lives--that is reserved for God and God alone!