



WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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Communicating the Commandments

SUPPLIES FOR EACH CHILD:

- Standard sheet of paper, any color
- Colored pencils
- Half sheets of paper or cardstock cut into thirds; give one strip to each child to use as a guide.

TEACHER SUPPLIES:

- Sharp knife or scissors to cut the “windows” on the phone.
- Slides or printouts of a child-friendly version of the Ten Commandments.

WRITE ONE COMMANDMENT ON EACH SLIDE:

1. Only worship God.
2. Don't make anything more important than God.
3. Respect God's name.
4. Dedicate one day a week to resting and thinking about God.
5. Respect your parents.
6. Do not kill.
7. If you get married, keep your promises.
8. Do not steal.
9. Do not lie.
10. Do not be jealous of what other people have.

CONVERSATION STARTER:

What are some ways that people stay in touch with one another when we are not in the same place? (Possible answers might include video calls, phone, messaging and social media.)

Did you know that we also stay in touch with each other through prayer? When we pray for one another, even when we are not together, we remember that we are connected by God, who made us and loves us.

Today is World Communion Sunday. We are celebrating the ways that Christians around the world are connected. We don't all know each other. We don't all talk to one another or stay in touch online. But we all are connected because we all follow Jesus Christ.

BIBLE LESSON:

Read Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-17 from the Common English Bible translation.

“Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You must have no other gods before me.



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Do not make an idol for yourself—no form whatsoever—of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. Do not use the Lord your God's name as if it were of no significance; the Lord won't forgive anyone who uses his name that way.

Remember the Sabbath day and treat it as holy. Six days you may work and do all your tasks.

Honor your father and your mother so that your life will be long on the fertile land that the Lord your God is giving you.

God shared these laws with Moses and instructed him to share them with the people as a way to live well together.

But God didn't have a cell phone or social media account. The biblical account tells us that God wrote these laws, these Ten Commandments on tablets. Not an iPad. But on stone tablets.

Today we will create our own version of the Ten Commandments designed to look like a cell phone.

ACTIVITY:

Note: This activity is similar to an Advent calendar. The front is a smartphone interface. Under each window, the child draws a symbol or words representing a commandment.

Instruct each child to fold the paper in half.

- On the front of the paper (top sheet), using a smartphone dialing keypad as a guide, write "The Ten Commandments" across the top, and draw small pictures representing phone icons at the bottom. *See template on last page.*
- Make a grid three spaces across and four spaces down with a circle in each square.
- Inside each circle draw a number from 1 to 10.
- Draw a cross and a heart in the extra circles, where the star and hashtag symbols would be on a smartphone keypad.
- With the help of adults, have the children cut around the circles to create windows (leave one side uncut so the windows will not fall out). *See template on last page.*
- Post each slide. Discuss what the commandment means and how it applies to the life of the students.
- Invite the children to write a word or draw a picture inside each window that will remind them of the commandment.




PRAY:

Thank you, God, for giving us rules that make our lives better.
Thank you for giving us ways to stay connected.
Bless all of your children around the world.
Amen.



FOLD HERE

 CUT ON DOTTED LINES

1

2

3

ABC

DEF

4

5

6

GHI

JKL

MNO

7

8

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PQRS

TUV

WXYZ

10

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