

# LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

Exodus 20



Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

## PRAYER TIME

Dear God, help us know and follow your Commandments. We thank you for your faithfulness to your people, even when they ignored your truth, as we also do at times. Amidst all of the franticness of our lives, we sometimes wonder just what we are trying to accomplish. Help us remember the reason we're here: to love one another as you have loved us. Amen

## TALK TIME

- Make signs of the Ten Commandments for our family, such as: *You shall empty the dishwasher. You shall not enter this room.*
- God and Moses were furious with the people for building an idol, a golden calf. Talk about the idols we worship in our family: perhaps money, busyness, education, a weekend cabin.
- Move toward a sabbath day in your household. God commanded it! Experiment with a day a week actually reserved for rest (not a list of more activities). Honoring the Sabbath might mean working harder to get things done on other days. It might mean creatively figuring out how to spend the time.
- Moses and God could have been some of the first candidates for anger management. Talk about how they responded to the "stiff-necked people." This would be a good time to talk about how people in your family handle their anger.

## WEB TIME

Search for the Key Words listed above. List the most interesting site you find for each term. Then do a search for "Ten Commandments." Explore five sites that mention the term, and discuss the various opinions and perspectives about each. What are they trying to say?

## RITUAL TIME

We live in a very materialistic culture that idolizes "stuff." Fill as many bags as possible with stuff that your family doesn't need. Donate the bags to a charitable organization. Try this: When you buy something new, give something else away.

## KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

## GUIDELINES

## GIFT

## THRESHOLD



