



Tippy's Mouse House

The Ten Commandments: Love God

BIG IDEA: God shows me how to love.

BIBLE BASIS: Exodus 19:1-20:11

KEY VERSE: "My God will meet all your needs." Philippians 4:19 (NirV)

SCHEDULE

6:15-6:45 – Drop Off

6:45 – 7:15 – Worship & Program Practice

7:15-7:45 – Lesson Review & Learning Activities

7:45 – 8:10 – Coloring, Topher Time, Pick Up

NEW ACTIVITY:

THUMBODY LOVES YOU

Supplies: "Thumbody Loves You" card (1 per child), stamp pads (2–3), wet wipes (1 pack)

Directions: Give each child a "Thumbody Loves You" card. The card will have a heart on it. Tell the children to press their thumb onto the stamp pad, then fill the heart with their thumbprints. As the children are creating, encourage them to give the card to somebody they love.

Say: This is a great way to show people you love them. It's not the only way, though! During today's Bible story, we're going to learn about six rules God gives us that help us show people we love them.

Question: Who are you going to give your card to? Why do you love them so much?



SUNDAY'S ACTIVITIES:

CRAZY COMMANDMENTS (Application Activity)

Supplies: None

Say: In today's true Bible story, we learned about six more commandments (or rules) God gives us. They're commandments that help us show love to other people. We're going to play a game to see if we can remember what some of those commandments are.

Directions: Have the children line up against a wall. Stand at the opposite side of the room. Tell the children if they hear one of God's commandments, take one big step towards you. (The lines in **bold** are God's commandments.) But if they hear something that is *not* one of God's commandments, they must stand still. Tell the children if they take a step when they shouldn't, they must return to the wall and start over. Read the lines below one at a time. On the last commandment, tell the children to take as many giant steps as they need to reach you. When finished, sit down with the children and ask them the question below.

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| 1. Obey your parents | 7. Don't steal |
| 2. Brush your hair with a toothbrush | 8. Always smell your tooth |
| 3. Don't hurt other people | 9. Always tell the truth |
| 4. Make silly faces in the morning | 10. Don't cluck like a chicken |
| 5. Walk your pet kangaroo every day | 11. Eat cheese every day |
| 6. Keep your promise to the one you marry | 12. Don't wish for other people's stuff |

Question: Which one of these commandments do you have the hardest time obeying? Why is it hard for you? (Read the commandments in bold to the children one more time.)

BROKEN TABLET (Application Activity)

Supplies: Stone Tablet Puzzle (1 per group)

Preparation: Print the Stone Tablet Puzzle on cardstock paper, then cut on the lines.

Say: In today's story, Moses threw the stone tablets on the ground and they broke into pieces. We're going to play a game where we put one of the tablets back together and remember some of God's commandments. We'll also remember that **God shows me how to love**.

Directions: Tell the children to close and cover their eyes. Hide the six pieces of tablet in fairly easy to find places. Next, tell the children to find the pieces and return them to you. When all of the pieces have been returned, sit with the children in a circle. Work together to put the tablet back together starting with commandment #5 at the top and working down. As you add each piece of the tablet, ask the children what they could do to obey that commandment. Continue until the entire tablet has been put back together.

2.4 Small Group Lesson | Wednesday Night

TIPTOE LIKE TIPPY (Bible Story Review Activity)

Supplies: Bible story pictures (1 set per group)

Directions: Tell the children they get to pretend to be Tippy the Mouse and tiptoe around the room in search of the Bible story pictures. Have them close and cover their eyes while you hide the Bible story pictures around the room. (They are the same pictures from the Large Group storytelling time.) When finished, have the children open their eyes and tiptoe around the room in search of the pictures. Give clues if needed. After finding the pictures, the children can tiptoe back to you in the “Mouse House.” Finally, have the children place the pictures in the order of the story, then ask them to use each picture to recount what happened in the story.

TIPPY AND FRIENDS (Bible Memorization Activity)

Supplies: Dice (1 per group)

Today’s Bible verse:

*“My God (point up with both hands)
will meet (clasp hands)
all (make a big circle with hands)
your needs (extend open palms like you’re receiving something).
Because you belong (point forward)
To Jesus Christ. (point up)”
Philippians 4:19 (put palms together like you’re holding a book).*

Directions: Practice the Bible verse together until the children can remember it. When ready, tell the children they’re going to say the Bible verse while pretending to be Tippy the Mouse or one of her friends. Allow the children to take turns rolling the dice, then recite the Bible verse while performing the corresponding animal action below.

Animal Actions:

1. Tiptoe like Tippy the Mouse.
2. Flap your wings like Pete the Parrot.
3. Hop like Betty the Bunny.
4. Gallop like Henry the Horse.
5. Climb a tree like Sly the Sloth.
6. Choose your own animal movement.

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PRAY TO OBEY (Response to God Activity)

Supplies: GO! Home Guide (printed on back of coloring sheet, 1 per child), crayons.

Directions: Give each child a GO! Home Guide and some crayons or markers. The sheet will have a space for children to draw. Tell the children to draw a praise picture to Jesus. It can be anything that shows Jesus they love Him. When finished, have the children show their picture and tell about it.

Say: We all mess up and break God's rules sometimes. That's why God gave us Jesus. Jesus took the punishment for our mistakes so we can live with Him forever in Heaven. Let's say a prayer and thank Jesus for loving us so much.

Prayer: Begin by asking if any of the children would like to pray. Allow any children who want to pray the opportunity to do so. When they're finished, close the prayer by thanking Jesus for His forgiveness and for loving us so much.

Question: The 5th commandment says to obey your parents. Is it ever hard for you to obey your parents? When?

Question: The 9th commandment says to always tell the truth. Why do you think it's so important to tell the truth?