

Topic: The Ten Commandments – One God

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verses: “I am Jehovah your God” (Exodus 20:2a).
“You shall have no other gods before Me” (Exodus 20:3).

Focus: The first commandment of God is that we should have no other gods. Our God is the only God.

Practical Application: Think of all the things your mom and dad do for you and give you for your enjoyment (cook food for you, take you to school, give you hugs and kisses, take you to fun places, etc.). If your parents want to spend some time with you, and instead you tell them that you are busy or you just ask them to buy things for you, how do you think they would feel? Similarly, God has done many wonderful things for us. He created the air for us to breathe, food for us to eat, the world we live in, and gave us life. How do you think God would feel if we don't pray to Him or come to the children's meeting? God is the only God and His name is Jesus Christ. No one else is God and we do not believe in any other gods and should not love anything else above God.

Intermediate:

Verse: “I am Jehovah and there is no one else; Besides Me there is no God” (Isaiah 45:5a).

Focus: The first commandment of God is that we should have no other gods. There are not many gods. There is only one true and living God. All the other gods are dumb idols.

Practical Application: The ancient Egyptians worshipped many different gods and goddesses such as the sun god, moon god, river god, and earth god. The Egyptians believed that each god had their role to play in maintaining peace and harmony in Egypt. Today there are people who believe in other gods (perhaps provide some examples). Even though some people in the world worship different gods, none of these gods can see, hear, speak, or move. None of these are real gods. They are powerless and cannot do anything. The Bible refers to them as dumb idols. Only our God is the true and living God. He is the only One who is living and real. He is the Creator of the universe. He created the heavens, the earth, and all things, including you and me.

Advanced:

Verse: “And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Focus: The first commandment of God is that we should have no other gods. There is only one God and Savior, Jesus Christ. There are NOT many gods or many different ways of salvation.

Practical Application: People may wrongly believe in different ways of salvation. For example, Buddhism teaches that one can be saved through enlightenment, meditation, and hard work. It may be helpful to discuss examples of other gods and supposed ways of salvation. Although people may think that there are various ways to salvation, the Bible tells us that there is only one God and Savior, Jesus Christ. Consider reading with the children some verses about how salvation is only through Jesus Christ (e.g., John 14:6; 1 John 5:11-13; John 3:16). If a child is touched by this particular point or by these verses, then the serving one may consider discussing the topic of salvation more.