

Topic: The Ten Commandments – The Greatest Commandments (1)

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, Intermediate, and Advanced:

Verses: “And He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the great and first commandment” (Matthew 22:37-38). *(Elementary and Intermediate levels memorize underlined portion of verse 37. Advanced level memorizes verses 37 and 38.)*

Focus: The Ten Commandments can be arranged into 2 sets of 5. The first set of 5 relates to our loving and honoring God. If we love God, we shall (1) have no other gods; (2) make no idols; (3) take not His name in vain; (4) keep the Sabbath; and (5) honor our father and mother.

Practical Application: Use this week to review the first 5 commandments. Strengthen the practical application for any of the first 5 commandments where there may be a need among the children. Please see lessons #300-#304 for reference. Be sure to check with the children whether or not they have been able to keep these commandments.

(For the Advanced level, the purpose/goal of asking this type of question is to help the children eventually realize that no one can keep these commandments and that we all need God’s salvation.)