



UNIT 5 | SESSION 2

# GOD GAVE THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

EXODUS 19–20

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God’s rules are best.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** Let’s worship God. Psalm 95:6

## BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God gave Moses the Ten Commandments.
- God’s rules help us obey God.
- Jesus always obeyed all God’s rules.

## BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

God talked to Moses on a mountain. There, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, or rules. The first four rules showed God’s people how to love Him: “Do not worship anyone but Me. Do not make statues to worship. Do not treat My name like it is not special. Remember the day of rest.” God told people how to love one another in the last six rules: “Obey your mother and father. Do not kill. Keep your marriage promises. Do not steal. Do not lie. Do not want things that belong to other people.” When God was finished speaking to Moses, He gave Moses two stone tablets. God had written on the tablets with His own finger.



## BABIES ACTIVITIES

### LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for the babies. Open a Bible to Exodus 19. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

#### 1 SING A HYMN

Sing to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It”:

“If you’re happy and you know it, worship God. (repeat)

If you’re happy and you know it, then your praise will surely show it.

If you’re happy and you know it, worship God.”

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. God’s rules help us obey God. God’s rules are the best. Obeying God makes Him happy. ”

#### 2 STACKING CUPS

Provide ten plastic cups for babies to play with and stack. Help babies stack cups while leaders count out loud to ten. Repeat as interest allows.

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments (or rules). God’s rules help us obey God. ”

#### 3 STONES

Bring large stones of various colors and textures for babies to look at and hold. Choose stones large enough not to be a choking hazard. Ensure babies do not place stones near their mouths. Retell the Bible story.

**SAY** “ God spoke to Moses on a mountain. God gave Moses two stone tablets with the Ten Commandments on them. God had written His rules on the tablets with His own finger. God’s rules help us obey God. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



## TODDLER ACTIVITIES

### LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

#### 1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Exodus 19. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it. Pray for the toddlers.

#### 2 HANDPRINT COMMANDMENTS

Trace both toddlers' hands onto a piece of construction paper. Print God Gave Moses the Ten Commandments at the top of the paper. Print numbers one through ten on the fingers/thumbs of the toddler's traced handprints. Count to ten as you write the numbers on the papers.

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. God’s rules help us obey God. God’s rules are the best. ”

#### 3 TRUST AND OBEY

Sing “Trust and Obey” with toddlers. Sing it in different ways: slow, fast, high-pitched, and low-pitched.

“Trust and obey, for there’s no other way

To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.”

**SAY** “ God’s rules help us obey God. God’s rules are best. We should obey God. ”

#### 4 COUNT TO TEN

Provide ten various items (crayons, cars, stickers, building blocks, and so forth) for toddlers to count. Count each item aloud and remind toddlers of the importance of the number ten in the Bible story.

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. There were ten of each of these items, just like there were Ten Commandments. ”

#### 5 FIND THE HIDDEN STONES

Use a sand table or place sand in a large container. Lay out a plastic tablecloth to catch any loose sand. Place somewhat large stones in the sand. Let toddlers take turns finding the hidden stones. Provide toddlers with cups or large spoons to dig stones from the sand.

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments (or rules). These rules were given to Moses on a mountain. God’s rules are the best. ”

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## 1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: FOLLOW THE LEADER

Allow toddlers to take turns leading the class around the room. The leader can walk slow or fast, hop or crawl. The class will follow what the leader does.

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments. God's rules help us obey God. We obeyed the leader and did what she did. We should obey God's rules. God's rules are the best. ”

## 2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “God is So Good.”

“God's rules are best.

God's rules are best.

God's rules are best.

We should obey them.”

## 3 CHALK ART

Provide toddlers with black construction paper and chalk. Allow toddlers to color on the construction paper with the chalk. Print God's rules are best at the top of the paper with a white crayon or chalk.

**SAY** “ God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on two stone tablets. God had written His rules on the tablets with His own finger. God's rules are best. God's rules help us obey God. ”

## 4 BOWLING

Set up ten pins or water bottles. Allow toddlers to roll a ball to knock down the pins/bottles. Count how many of the pins or bottles were knocked down. Replay as time permits.

**SAY** “ Just like we had ten pins in our game, God gave Moses Ten Commandments. God's rules help us obey God. God's rules are best. Jesus always obeyed all God's rules. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.