



The Ten Commandments

This week, we looked at Commandment # 2:

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is on the earth beneath or that is in the water below.” (Exodus 20:4 NET)

We also looked at Exodus 32: The Golden Calf

Moses had been gone for awhile and the people got restless. They asked Aaron to create gods to lead them in Moses’ absence.

“...Get up, make us gods that will go before us...” (Exodus 32:1NET)

Aaron did as the people asked and God was not happy! God had to stop His instructions to Moses to let Moses know the people had created a golden calf to worship. He was angry with the people:

“I have seen this people. Look what a stiff-necked people they are! So now, leave me alone so that my anger can burn against them and I can destroy them, and I will make you a great nation.” (Exodus 32:9-10 NET)

We understand worshipping another god is wrong. We remember the first commandment. But what is wrong with making an idol or image to represent God? Is that okay?

The answer to that is NO! Why not?

1. God said _____ and _____ means _____.
2. Idols _____ God. Nothing He created can ever fully capture the glory of God so to create any image to represent Him _____ Him.
3. Idols can _____ the worshipper. We may be tempted to worship the created item rather than the Creator of the world.

Do you have any idols in your life?

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Turn the page over for a this week’s family exercise.

1. God said **no** and **no** means **no**. 2. Idols **diminish** God. Nothing He created can ever fully capture the glory of God so to create an image to represent Him **lessens** Him. 3. Idols can **miscal** the worshipper.

Does your family have any idols?

Books to study this week:

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John
Acts
Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude
Revelation

Key Passages to know this week:

The 10 Commandments -
Exodus 20

The Model Prayer -
Matthew 6:9-13

A Messianic Psalm -
Psalm 22

In the space below, make a list of those things most important to your family in the order of importance.

(If God is not at the top of your list, you have an idol.)

Now, as a family, pray.

- Praise Him for who He is.
- Thank Him for His many, many blessings.
- Ask God to show you anything you might be putting before Him.
- Ask Him for the strength you'll need to destroy those idols.

