

Ready Answers Unit B: The Ten Commandments—Handles

Here are some suggested handles to help students recall the verses. You may adjust as desired or invent your own.

Introduction to the Ten Commandments

God writes the commandments—Exodus 31:18



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Exodus 20:1-2

And God spake

Look at the light rays coming out from near God's mouth and think of them representing God's voice.

all these words, saying,

Look at the words already written on the first side of the first tablet.

I am the LORD thy God,

Look at the bush. Remember how God introduced himself to Moses from a burning bush.

which have brought thee

Look at the Israelite tents.

out of the land of Egypt,

Look at the two mountains that look a little like Egyptian pyramids.

out of the house of bondage.

At the base of one mountain is a little building, perhaps a slave's house.

The First Commandment

God answers Elijah on Mt. Carmel—1 Kings 18



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Exodus 20:3

Thou shalt have

Look at a priest of the false god.

no other gods

Look at the alter for the false god.

before me.

Look at the fire.

The Second Commandment

God's people don't bow to idol—Daniel 3



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Exodus 20:4-5a

Thou shalt not make unto thee

Look at the dome-shaped furnace possibly used to melt and purify gold.

any graven image,

See of the idol.

or any likeness

Consider the image on the right side of the idol's base.

of any thing that is in heaven above,

Look at the sun pictured on the left face of the idol's base.

or that is in the earth beneath,

Look at the ground on which the picture of the tree is growing.

or that is in the water under the earth.

Look at the reflection of the sun on the water.

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them:

Look at Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah not bowing or helping in the service to the idol.

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Exodus 20:5b-6

for I the LORD thy God

Look at the pillar of a cloud.

am a jealous God,

Imagine the cloud is glowing, as if jealous.

visiting the iniquity of the fathers

In the picture are 4 people who hate God and are leaving. Look at the old man with the cane.

upon the children

Look at this son who is helping him walk.

unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

Look at the son's daughter and baby.

And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me,

Look at the multitude who are eagerly waiting to meet with God.

and keep my commandments.

Look at the person building the stone wall to obey God's instruction to build a fence around the mountain.

The Third Commandment

Job upholds God's reputation—Job 42:7-8

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Exodus 20:7

Thou shalt not take

Look at Eliphaz's arm holding the closed scroll.

the name of the LORD thy God

Imagine the scroll describes God's name or reputation.

in vain;

Look at Bildad or Zophar's down-cast head showing that they are ashamed of how they spoke about God.

for the LORD

Smoke going up to God

will not hold him guiltless

Job is praying for God to forgive his friends.

that taketh his name

Elihu holding (taking) an open scroll

in vain.

Elihu is also ashamed.



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Exodus 20:8-10

Remember the sabbath day,

Each candle on the window sill was lit one day this week. Look at the big lit candle.

to keep it holy.

Look at the flame on the candle.

Six days shalt thou labour,

Look at candle holders of the extinguished candles.

and do all thy work:

Look at the burnt wick on the candles.

But the seventh day

Look at the base of the sabbath day candle's holder.

is the sabbath

Look at the people in the candle's holder sitting (resting).

of the LORD thy God:

Their hands are raised praising God.

in it

What can be seen outside is almost like things inside (in it) a picture frame.

thou shalt not do

Look at the empty clothesline.

any work,

Look at the completed sheaves.

thou, nor thy son,

Look at the man playing with his son.

nor thy daughter,

the young girl

thy manservant,

the man lying down by the tree

nor thy maidservant,

the woman playing with the young girl

nor thy cattle,

the cow

nor thy stranger that is within thy gates:

the person sitting by the fence just inside the gate.

The Fourth Commandment (Continued)

Glass Symbolizing Creation

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Exodus 20 : 11

For in six days

There are 6 bumps on the stem of the glass.

the LORD made heaven and earth,

Etched in the side of the glass are things God made: the sun, and a palm tree.

the sea,

You might be able to see the sea also etched in the glass.

and all that in them is,

Think of the drink in the glass.

and rested the seventh day:

Look at the base, the seventh bulge below the glass's bowl, which is resting on the table.

wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day,

Look at the shadow of the base on the table and think of the sunlight God is sending to make it.

and hallowed it.

Look at the bright sun's reflection off the top edge of the liquid.

The Fifth Commandment

Rahab rescues her parents—Joshua 2 : 13–21

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Exodus 20 : 12

Honour thy father and thy mother:

Look at Rahab's father and mother

that thy days may be long

With your eye trace a path down the long rope.

upon the land

Imagine the rope reaches the ground.

which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

For the word *give* notice that Rahab has some slack in the rope that she can give.

The Sixth Commandment

David spares Saul's life—1 Samuel 26 : 9

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Exodus 20 : 13

Thou shalt not kill.

Look at David's right hand indicating that Saul should not be killed.

The Seventh Commandment

Joseph runs from Potipher's wife—Genesis 39 : 12–13

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Exodus 20 : 14

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Joseph is running away to avoid adultery.

The Eighth Commandment

Zacchaeus promised to repay what he had stolen—Luke 19 : 8

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Exodus 20 : 15

Thou shalt not steal.

Zacchaeus promised to repay what he had stolen.

The Ninth Commandment

Judah acquits Tamar by acknowledging the truth—Genesis 39:26

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Exodus 20:16

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.

Judah acknowledged the truth instead of bearing false witness against Tamar.

The Tenth Commandment

John the Baptist doesn't covet Jesus' popularity—John 3:30

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Exodus 20:17

Thou shalt not covet

Consider John's right hand pointing back toward Jesus.

thy neighbour's house,

The house in the distance.

thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife,

The woman closest to Jesus.

nor his manservant, nor his maidservant,

the man and woman nearest the river

nor his ox,

An ox is near the house.

nor his ass,

A donkey is standing by the tree.

nor any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Look at the tree next to the house.

The Israelite's response.

God's Presence on Mt. Sinai.

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Exodus 20:18

And all the people

Select a few of the near people to look at who are looking up at the top of the mountain.

saw the thunderings,

Select a portion of the thunder clouds to look at.

and the lightnings,

Look at the lightning.

and the noise of the trumpet,

There is a ram's horn on the stone fence.

and the mountain smoking:

Look at the transition between the mountain and the smoke.

and when the people saw it,

Select a few different people to look at.

they removed,

Look at the space between the people and the fence.

and stood afar off.

Look at the some of the people far away.



Exodus 20:19

And they said unto Moses,

Find where the speaker's mouth would be.

Speak thou with us,

For *thou*, notice his right hand is almost pointing to Moses.

and we will hear:

Find the location of an ear on someone near the speaker.

but let not God speak with us,

The speaker's right hand is pointing up toward God.

lest we die.

Look at a lightning bolt.