

# Family Worship Guide

## Week 25

### Read

It will be very helpful to provide pictures of each of the items below. Most study Bibles will provide pictures of the tabernacle and the furnishings. You can also search the internet for "pictures of the Tabernacle furnishings."

- 1) Exodus 25:8-22 - the ark
- 2) Exodus 25:23-30 - the table
- 3) Exodus 25:31-32 - the lampstand
- 4) Exodus 26:30-33 - the Tabernacle
- 5) Exodus 27:1-3 - the altar of burnt offerings
- 6) Exodus 30:17-21 - the basin for washing

### Questions

**1. The Ten Commandments can be separated into two sections. The first four commandments make up the first section. Can we work together to remember the first four commandments?**

1) You shall have no other gods before me. 2) You shall not make any idols. 3) You shall not take the Lord's name in vain. 4) Keep the Sabbath holy.

**2. The first four commandments are all about our relationship with God. If we want to love God, these are four things He calls us to do. What does it mean to have "no other gods" before Him?**

The world continually tempts us to replace God with other things. We are tempted to want to make other people happy, more than make God happy. We are tempted to think that we will be completely happy if we have more toys, more money, more friends, are better at sports, or get better grades.

**3. The last six commandments are all about our relationships with other people. Can we work together to remember the last six commandments?**

5) Honor your father and your mother. 6) Do not murder. 7) Do not commit adultery. 8) Do not steal. 9) Do not lie. 10) Do not covet.

**5. The fifth commandment is the first commandment for human relationships. "Honor your father and your mother." This is the first moral test we face when we come into the world. Is there a difference between honoring your parents and obeying them?**

Yes, you can obey your parents without honoring them. In other words you can do what you are told to do, but with a lousy attitude. On the other hand, you cannot honor your parents, without obeying them. This is why God clearly worded the command this way. He does not want us simply to obey our parents, but to truly honor them in our hearts.

This is a great opportunity for parents to talk about the ways they have tried to honor their own parents. Share a story about a time you did not honor them, and another story about a time you did your best to honor them.

## 6. Which of these Ten Commandments do you think God would most like to see our family grow in during this year ahead? What could we do to help each other be more obedient in that area?

Listen to each person's response. Work together as a family to identify one commandment that can serve as a growth area for the entire family in the coming weeks. Come up with at least one specific thing you can do to help each other grow in that area.

### Praise

Praise God for giving us:

Himself

Grace and Mercy

Salvation

Our family

Our church family

What has God done in our family this week that we can give him praise?

### Pray

Use the ACTS model (Example below.)

- ADORATION – "He keeps His promises."
- CONFESSION – "Confess times when we have not obeyed"
- THANKSGIVING – "How has God been faithful to your family?"
- SUPPLICATION – "God encourages us to bring all of our needs and burdens to Him."
- Pray that we will live obediently to God's Word.
- Pray for your neighbors by name! Pray that God will bless them!

### Memorize

"Make this tabernacle and all its furnishings exactly like the pattern I will show you."

- **Exodus 25:9**

### Digging Deeper

(Optional activities)

#### Kids Fun

Words in **bold** are what you can say to lead this activity. Adapt the activity as you see fit based on the ages of your children. If you have both teens and younger children, encourage the teens to lead the activity. It is good leadership practice for them, and the younger siblings will enjoy it.

**Supplies needed for the activity:** a deck of cards, or the family game, Jenga.

**I have a great challenge for us today, as we begin our time of family worship. Who thinks that they have a steady hand? Well, we are going to find out just how steady our hands really are.**

**Activity Option #1: Have you ever heard of a “house of cards?” Some people have such steady hands, that they can stack playing cards on top of each other, and build “houses” that are as tall as a person. I don’t think we are going to be able to be quite that successful, but we are going to try our best.**

Pass out 10-15 cards to each person. Begin by encouraging them to try building their own house of cards. Give extra help to little ones. After a little while, consider pairing people up into teams, or having your entire family work on building one “house of cards” together. How high can you go? Here is a tip. Begin with two cards, and place them together in an “upside-down V” shape. Then make another “upside-down V” shape with two more cards. Place the second V about a half inch away from the first. Now you are ready to place a card horizontally across the points. Make a third V on the bottom level, and then you can add another horizontal card. And off you go!

**Activity Option #2: We are going to play the game Jenga. This is a game where you have to think carefully, but even more importantly you have to move the blocks perfectly so that you don’t knock the whole structure down. Let’s play, and the youngest person can go first.**

Follow the instructions in the game. Have fun!

**Who still thinks they have a steady hand? That was a hard game! Even the smallest mistake can knock everything down. In a few minutes we are going to see that same principle in our Bible reading. Last week in family worship, we learned how God gave the people the Ten Commandments. This week, we are going to see about how God instructed the people of Israel to build a large and beautiful tent. It was called the Tabernacle. It was to be a place where the people worshipped God. God gave them very specific instructions so that they would build the Tabernacle exactly as He wanted it.**

For Teens

**1. What do you think about this statement? “God wants us to worship Him, His way.”**

Most of us don’t like being told what to do. Even worse, we don’t like be told how to do what we are doing. Has that ever happened to you? Has anyone ever told you how to do a particular chore? We don’t like it very much. When it comes to worshipping and pleasing God, this is one of the most important things we need to understand. The first commandment in Exodus 20 tells us that we are to have no other gods before Him. The second commandment tells us that we are to worship God His way. The second commandment tells us to worship God without idols or images. Have you ever wondered why we sing in church each week? Because God tells us to do it in the Bible (Colossians 3:16). Have you ever wondered why someone preaches from the Bible in each church service? Because God tells us to

do it in the Bible (1 Timothy 4:13). The list could go on. Think carefully about this principle this week. God wants us to worship Him, His way.

**2. The tabernacle (tent of meeting) had an inner area called the holy of holies, or most holy place.. This was the most sacred place and it was separated from the rest of the tabernacle by a curtain. Only the priests could enter the holy of holies. What happened to the curtain when Jesus rose from the dead and what does it mean for us?**

Find the answer in Mark 15:38. When Jesus rose from the dead, God ripped open the curtain, from the top to the bottom. Because Jesus is our final and perfect sacrifice, all who put their trust in Him are welcome to personally come into the presence of God. We can have a personal, love relationship with our creator God, because Christ alone opened the way.