

# LOGOS

## Kids Club



**Leader's Guide**  
**Grades 1-2**  
**Year 2**

**2004 – 2005**  
**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Calendar**

<b>8/15</b>	<b>Logos Kids Guide Orientation</b>	<b>1/5</b>	<b>Unit 5, Lesson 12</b>
		<b>1/12</b>	<b>Unit 5, Lesson 13</b>
<b>8/25</b>	<b>1st Club Night – Registration</b>	<b>1/19</b>	<b>Unit 5, Lesson 14</b>
<b>9/1</b>	<b>Unit 1, Lesson 1</b>	<b>1/26</b>	<b>Review Unit 5</b>
<b>9/8</b>	<b>Unit 1, Lesson 2</b>		
<b>9/15</b>	<b>Unit 1, Lesson 3</b>	<b>2/2</b>	<b>Unit 6, Lesson 15</b>
<b>9/22</b>	<b>Review Unit 1</b>	<b>2/9</b>	<b>Unit 6, Lesson 16</b>
<b>9/29</b>	<b>Unit 2, Lesson 4</b>	<b>2/16</b>	<b>Unit 6, Lesson 17</b>
		<b>2/20</b>	<b>Bible Memory Program Begins</b>
<b>10/6</b>	<b>Unit 2, Lesson 5</b>	<b>2/23</b>	<b>Review Unit 6 (Camp Nite)</b>
<b>10/13</b>	<b>Unit 2, Lesson 6</b>		
<b>10/20</b>	<b>Review Unit 2</b>	<b>3/2</b>	<b>Unit 7, Lesson 18</b>
<b>10/27</b>	<b>Outreach Nite</b> (Friend Nite...Harvest Fair)	<b>3/9</b>	<b>Unit 7, Lesson 19</b>
		<b>3/16</b>	<b>No Club, Easter Break</b>
<b>11/3</b>	<b>Unit 3, Lesson 7</b>	<b>3/23</b>	<b>Unit 7, Lesson 20</b>
<b>11/10</b>	<b>Unit 3, Lesson 8</b>	<b>3/30</b>	<b>Review Unit 7</b>
<b>11/17</b>	<b>Unit 3, Lesson 9, Review Unit 3</b>	<b>4/6</b>	<b>Unit 8, Lesson 21</b>
<b>11/24</b>	<b>No Club – Thanksgiving break</b>	<b>4/13</b>	<b>Unit 8, Lesson 22</b>
			<b>Review Unit 8</b>
<b>12/1</b>	<b>Adopt-A-Family</b> <b>Outreach begins</b>	<b>4/20</b>	<b>Unit 9, Lesson 23</b> <b>Kindergarteners visit</b>
<b>12/1</b>	<b>Unit 4, Lesson 10</b>	<b>4/22-24</b>	<b>Retreat</b>
<b>12/8</b>	<b>Unit 4, Lesson 11,</b>	<b>4/27</b>	<b>Unit 9, Lesson 24, Review Unit 9</b>
<b>Review Unit 4</b>		<b>4/30</b>	<b>Bible Memory Program Ends</b>
<b>12/15</b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>		
<b>12/22</b>	<b>No Club – Christmas Break</b>	<b>5/4</b>	<b>Final Ice Cream Social &amp;</b> <b>Awards Ceremony</b>
<b>12/29</b>	<b>No Club - Christmas Break</b>		



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# Leader's Guide Introduction

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## I. History of the Ministry

In the early 1990's a group of children's leaders at Camelback Bible Church begin asking the question, "What should we be teaching our children?" Dissatisfied with published curriculum that was often shallow, trendy, and moralistic, a prayerful search began. In time God directed these leaders to realize that this was probably not the first time in history that such a question had been asked. Throughout the history of the church God's people have wondered what the core of the instructional program should be.

To answer that question the church, over the years, has developed and then utilized catechisms to define core truths and then teach its people. The catechism lays out foundational truths in a question and answer format which every believer needs to understand and embrace. Church leaders hoped that such systematic teaching would curb the general ignorance among the people of God concerning their faith.

Taking this example from church history, the children's leaders at Camelback decided to put together a catechism based on the Heidelberg Catechism developed in the 1500's. This catechism was chosen for its interwoven theme of comfort, its beauty of expression, and for its solid theological perspective. Since the catechism was not written at a child's level the questions and answers were simplified and then developed into a sequence that sought to remain true to the original. Along the way, a few additional questions were added that were thought helpful. Most notably is a series of questions on the Beatitudes found in the Grades 5-6 level. From this process the LOGOS Kids Club was born!

## II. Name and Theme Verse of the Ministry

The name of the ministry which bases its teaching on the above catechism is the **LOGOS Kids Club**. The word "LOGOS" is an acronym for "Love Of God Our Savior". This name was derived from the club theme verse taken from Mark 12:30-31.

**Mark 12:30-31** *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

In these verses Jesus suggested that when all is said and done, the Christian faith is focused on loving God with your all, and loving your neighbor as yourself. It is the stated desire or purpose of the LOGOS Kids Club to encourage every child to fulfill this "Great Commandment" by God's grace.

LOGOS exists to encourage children (both CBC and non-CBC) to develop a supreme love for God which ushers out into a devoted love for others. Through an informal environment that utilizes systematic teaching, Bible memory, and small groups, it is hoped that children will grow in their knowledge and application of God's Word.

### III. Purpose of the Ministry

- *Children (both CBC and non-CBC)* – Our hearts desire is to see not only our own children rooted in the faith, but also see the gospel penetrate beyond the church family. Every ministry needs a sense of mission beyond itself to be what God has called it to be.
- *Supreme love for God* – At the core of Biblical Christianity is a call to love God with our all (Matthew 22:37-38). Because of this we desire to encourage every child to develop a personal relationship with Christ which supercedes all other relationships.
- *Devoted love for others* – We believe that there is no genuine love of God that does not usher out into a devoted love of others (Matthew 22:39). For this reason we will point our children to a lifestyle of selfless love for others (Galatians 5:13).
- *Informal environment* – LOGOS has been designed to be a more informal environment in order to promote the development of relationships (child to child, and adult to child) and the experience of fellowship, and to promote discussion that encourages application of the Word.
- *Systematic teaching* – We believe it is important to establish the children in the foundations of the Biblical faith. Through a catechetical (Q&A) approach we attempt to ground the children in the truths that have throughout church history been held as central to the faith. The children cycle through these essential questions and answers of the faith every two years - at each cycle building on the previous one.
- *Bible memory* – We believe that God's Word treasured in the children's hearts will have its way in leading to a life of purity and wisdom. (Ps 119:9,11) Though the children may not understand everything they memorize we believe their efforts in memory work will provide for them a storehouse of truth that can be drawn from in the future.
- *Small groups* – We believe that discipleship groups are important in order to express our love and care for one another through times devoted to: prayer with and for one another, personal application of the message, and accountability for following through on our applications.
- *Knowledge and application of God's Word* – We believe that the goal of our instruction should not only be that children are hearers and learners of the Word, but also doers. Growth in knowledge is important but is insufficient if it is not applied to life.

Current distinctives of the ministry:

- ◆ Systematic training
- ◆ Great ministry for outreach
- ◆ Informal environment
- ◆ Focus on loving God and loving others
- ◆ Strong emphasis on memory work
- ◆ Discipleship groups

#### **!V. Format of the Ministry**

There are three parts to each club evening:

A. Memory Time – during this time the children review verses previously learned, are given an explanation of their new verse, and are assisted in memorizing it.

B. Bible Teaching Time – during this time a Bible truth is developed through a variety of teaching methods. Time spent discussing the lesson as well as praying through the lesson often follow.

Each evening is centered around one Bible truth which is presented to the child in the form of a question and an answer. The story and memory verse are used to help the children understand the main truth contained in the question and answer.

C. Craft/Game Time – during this segment of the night leaders and students take time to enjoy one another and build rapport as they participate in a planned game, craft, snack or other activity. Much can be learned during these times as leaders focus on God's presence in all of life's activities.

#### **V. Content of the Ministry**

The year 1 curriculum begins with 7-8 lessons on the basics of salvation. The remainder of the lessons focus on learning the significance of each phrase in the Apostle's Creed.

The year 2 curriculum begins with a series about the Ten Commandments, which is followed by a three part series on salvation basics. The remainder of the year is devoted to the study of the Lord's Prayer, except at the grade 5-6 level which ends with a focus on the Beatitudes.

Every 2 years the children cycle through the basic ideas found in the Heidelberg Catechism. At each succeeding level those ideas are then developed further. For example, in the year two curriculum, at level one the students study what the commandments tell us not to do. At the second level students study how love fulfills the commands. Finally, at the third level the children learn how the commandments reflect the character of God. By this method children receive multiple exposures to the material at increasing depths.

#### **VI. Leadership of the Ministry**

A club work is only as good as its leadership. In order for LOGOS to work and not lead children to cold formalism in their faith, leaders will have to work hard at developing a

true community of faith within their groups. This will necessitate lots of prayer. It will also involve apprentice relationships. We hope each group will divide their children into groups under the care of a leader, trainer, discipler. The discipler should work hard at living the Christian life before the children, should shower the clubbers with the love of Christ, should show special interest in each child, and should encourage children in their learning and practicing of the faith. The discipler should also make sure that his main purpose is to lead children to a personal knowledge of and relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

## Notes about using this Teacher's Manual

1. This manual contains **sample** lessons which are designed to show you how the lesson **might** be developed. They are not meant to be read to the children, nor are they designed to take the place of serious study by the teacher. It is hoped that each teacher will first prayerfully and carefully study the lesson scripture. Allow God to speak to you and to direct your thinking. Then read through the sample lesson and ask God to help you form your own unique lesson. Be sure to pray throughout the process, asking God to use you to communicate **His** message to the children.
2. Warning: Historically, catechisms were well used by God's people, but they were also misused. In too many instances people were led by their leaders to a cold formalism. Instead of being transformed by its truths, the people were hardened to the truth. To avoid repeating this tragedy be sure to focus on God in each lesson. Do not teach the Apostle's Creed; teach about the God to which the Apostle's Creed points. Do not teach the Ten Commandments; instead teach about the God who gave them. Don't teach the Lord's Prayer; instead use it to encourage true and living devotion to God. At the end of the day, what will matter is that the children have come to a personal relationship with the One True God. Whether they can answer all the questions word for word is not the most important matter.
3. According to 2 Timothy 3:16 God's inspired word is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. It is well able to make the man of God equipped and adequate for every good work. This truth should direct our teaching at all times. Our purpose in sharing God's Word is not just to "tell a story and sit down". This is not about entertaining children. What we are about is being used by God to equip the next generation of Kingdom laborers. At the end of each lesson it is important to call the children to apply the truths heard in such a way that will contribute to their being more fully ready for God's service. Help children make Kingdom applications!

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Year 2 - Lesson 1 - Grades 1-2

## Lesson Focus

**Text: Exodus 19:1-20:21**

**Question: What do we learn about God from the giving of the Ten Commandments?**

**Answer: We learn that God is the only God, a great and powerful God.**

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Grow in his understanding of the might and power of God.
2. Respond to greatness of God with a godly fear.

### Introduction

1. When a king entered his court what would happen?

- His arrival would be announced
- Many times trumpets would sound
- The people, all well dressed, would stand and give their attention to the area of his arrival
- The doors would swing open
- A great carpet would be in place for the king to walk on
- Everyone would get out of the King's way and would bow as he passed them
- Many people would be helping the king - making sure his flowing robe didn't get in the way, making sure people did not disturb the King's procession...
- Finally the King would be seated on his throne

2. Now someone who was watching all this could have learned a lot about the king even though he had not said a word. What could you have learned from all this?

- The King is a very important person
- He is highly respected
- He is a very powerful man, ...

3. This year in LOGOS we are going to look at another King. In fact this King is the King of Kings. We call Him God Almighty. We are going to be studying some very important words that He shared with His people. The words are called the Ten Commandments.

But before we look at these very important words, we want to look at what happened before and at the time God gave these words. Just as we learned about what kind of man the king was by looking at his entrance into his court, so we can learn much about God from what happened while God gave His people the Ten Commandments.

4. Let's see what we can learn about God from His giving of the Ten Commandments. Our story today is taken from Exodus 19-20.

## **Body**

### 1. Background

For 400 years the people of Israel were slaves to the Egyptians. Their lives were very hard and difficult. They cried out to God asking Him to deliver them.

At just the right time God set out to deliver them. He called Moses to be their leader and then used the ten plagues to cause the Egyptians to want the people to leave their land. After 400 years God was freeing His people and taking them to the promised land.

But Moses was not to take them straight to the promised land. They were first to go to God's mountain, Mt. Sinai, where God would give the people the Ten Commandments.

### 2. Israel arrives at Sinai and God speaks with Moses

After 3 months of travel the people arrived at Mt. Sinai.

God came to Moses and spoke with him. He said, "Remind the people what I did for them in Egypt. If they will obey me and keep our agreement, then they shall be to Me a special people.

Moses went and spoke with the people and they said that everything God has spoken they will do.

### 3. God tells Moses to prepare the people

So God spoke again with Moses. He told Moses that He was going to come down and speak with the people from the mountain. This would happen in 3 days. He told Moses to tell the people to clean themselves up for this and that when they came to the mountain they should not touch it or they would die. They were not to come near God's presence or their life would be taken from them.

### 4. God comes to the people

On the third day in the morning there was lightning and thunder and a thick cloud surrounding the mountain. The people heard a loud trumpet, which was their signal to come up to the edge of the mountain. The trumpet was so loud that the people all trembled when they heard it.

As the Lord came down to the mountain there was great fire shooting up into the sky, smoke covering the whole mountain, there was heat like a furnace blast, and the mountain was quaking violently. All the while the trumpet was getting louder and louder. The people knew they were in the presence of a great power.

## 5. Moses and God converse

Moses then went up the mountain to meet with God. When God spoke it was like louder blasts of thunder.

God told Moses to go back down and warn the people not to try to break through to the Lord. To do so would mean they would die. So Moses went down to warn the people.

Then God spoke and shared the Ten Commandments. He said, "Since I am the Lord God who delivered you from the Egyptians.... you shall..." (Share the Ten Commandments)

## 6. The people respond in fear

How did the people react to all of this? The Bible tells us that when they saw the lightning, smoke and fire, and heard the thunder and the loud trumpet blasts that they trembled and stood at a distance. So terrible was this sight that they wanted to get away.

When Moses came down they said, "Speak to us yourself because if God speaks to us like this anymore we will all die".

Moses answered them, "Don't fear. God has come to you in this way, so that you might learn to fear Him and stay far from sin".

### **Application**

1. What did the people of Israel learn and what can we learn about God from this event?

- We learn He is a great and powerful God. So great and powerful was God that the people didn't want Him to speak directly to them anymore. They wanted to receive all messages through Moses.
- From our memory verse we also learn that the Lord is God and there is no other. God displayed that He is the one and only God. They should not mess with any false gods.

2. And how were the people to respond to what they saw? They were to fear God, to respect and revere Him so that they would not sin. He is the only God, a great and powerful God who deserves our full obedience.

Do you fear God? Do you respect Him so much that you truly want to do His will? God wants you to be His special person. He wants to come inside you and help you to do His will.

Come to the Lord. Tell Him you know that He is the only great and powerful God. Tell Him that you want to do His will. Ask Him for His help.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 1**

1. Review

Take a very brief time to review the LOGOS key verse found in Mark 12:30-31a (found in the front cover of their handbooks). Allow several children to recite this verse and then recite it together as a whole group.

2. Explain the verse

**Deuteronomy 4:35** *You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides Him there is no other.*

- Why was God going to show His people some very special things? (Because He wanted them to know that He is the one, true God.)
- Is there more than one God? (No, there is only one true God)

3. Memorize the verse

Erase a word: Recite the whole verse with the children. If a child can say the verse let him erase one word. Then recite the verse with the group. Continue this procedure until all the words are erased and each child has mastered the verse. Be sure to say the reference before and after the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. Where did God lead His people after He delivered them from the Egyptians? (To Mt. Sinai)
2. What things frightened the people as God came down on the mountain? (The mountain quaked, fire shot way up into the air, the trumpet sound grew louder and louder, ...)
3. What did the people learn about God from the giving of the Ten Commandments? (That He is a powerful God who alone was God.)
4. Why did God come to the people in this way? (He wanted them to learn to fear Him so that they would not sin)
5. How should we respond to God who alone is God and is so very mighty? (We should seek to show our love to Him by doing all His will.)

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## Lesson Focus

**Text:** 2 Kings 22:3-20

**Question 2:** Why did God give the Ten Commandments?

**Answer 2:** God gave the Ten Commandments to show us our sinfulness and point us to Christ.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand God's purpose in giving us the law: to show us our sinfulness and lead us to Christ.
2. Respond to the law by turning to Christ as Savior and Lord.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 2 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. Have you ever seen a sign that said, "**Danger - Keep out - high voltage**"? Sometimes we see such a sign around huge electric wires where there is a lot of power. There is probably a similar type of sign at nuclear plants. On many of the doors it most likely says, "**Danger - keep out - radiation - authorized personnel only**".
2. Why do people put up signs like this? (To protect people from harming themselves) What would happen if someone went around and removed those signs? (Someone might enter one of the areas and get badly hurt. They might get electrocuted or they might be exposed to radiation.)
3. In our Bible story today the people of Israel were in great danger and didn't know it because someone had removed something that could have shown them the danger they were in.
4. Let's listen carefully to our story taken from the Bible in 2 Kings 22. Let's see what danger the people were in and how they found out they were in danger.

### Body

1. **Background:** Our story takes place in 624BC in the land of Israel. The King was a man named Josiah. He had been crowned King at age eight and had been ruling for 16 years. The Bible tells us that he was a good king who walked in God's ways. He, as best as he knew, tried to honor God with his life.

## 2. Josiah calls for the temple to be repaired

In the 18th year, King Josiah called his assistant, Shaphan, and told him to go up to the temple. The King told Shaphan to talk with the high priest and asked him to get the money out of the treasury and to begin repairing the temple. The kings before Josiah had not taken good care of the temple and as a result some repair was needed. The people who entered the temple to worship had for some time now been contributing money for temple repair, so Josiah thought it time to begin the work.

## 3. The law recovered

Shaphan went to the high priest and delivered the message. The high priest emptied the money from the collection boxes and gave it to the workmen to begin the work. But in the process the high priest found a book. It was the Book of the Law. It contained what God expected of His people, what would happen if they obeyed and what would happen if they disobeyed. It seems that the kings before Josiah had nothing to do with this book and may have had the book destroyed.

When Shaphan got the book he read it and immediately realized the king must know about it. He went to the king to report about the work and then he presented the book to the King. The King had Shaphan read the book and when Josiah heard the words he tore his clothes and began weeping.

Why would the King react in this way? The book that Shaphan read was the book of God's law. It told the people how God expected them to live. It also said that God would judge the people if they failed to keep His law. Josiah knew that what he heard Shaphan reading (as to how the people ought to live) was not the way the people were living. Josiah now knew that he and the people were in great danger. What could be done?

## 4. The response

After tearing his clothes and weeping, Josiah assembled five of his important leaders. He told them to go to Huldah, the prophetess, to see if she could hear from the Lord what they ought to do. He knew they were in great danger.

When the men arrived at Huldah's they spoke to her on behalf of the king. Huldah told the men that the Lord said he is going to judge the people for going their own way; for going after false gods; for not keeping the commands of the Lord.

But she had a special message for Josiah. Listen to what she said.

**2 Kings 22:19-20** Because your heart was responsive and you humbled yourself before the LORD when you heard what I have spoken against this place and its people, that they would become accursed and laid waste, and because you tore your robes and wept in my presence, I have heard you, declares the LORD. Therefore I will gather you to your fathers, and you will be buried in peace. Your eyes will not see all the disaster I am going to bring on this place.”

The men took her answer back to the king. I am sure he was at least, in part, relieved by what he heard.

## **Application**

1. How did the Book of the Law help Josiah and his people? (It showed them their sinfulness, showed them that they were under the judgment of God, and encouraged them to look to God for mercy) Later the people, after hearing the book, with their king made a new agreement to keep the commands of the Lord.
2. In a similar way, the law (our Ten Commandments), shows us our sinfulness and makes us realize that we are under the judgment of God. It should also (as it did to Josiah) cause us to seek God and ask for His mercy. It should cause us to say, "Lord I have not lived as you wanted me to and I know I am under your anger. Please save me and help me to live by your good law."
3. Most people don't realize the danger they are in because of their sin. Do you? If God opens your eyes to this, seek His mercy today. In the next 10 lessons we shall look at the Ten Commandments. As we look at these commandments we will see our sinfulness. That's what is supposed to happen. But we should not stop there. When we see our sinfulness, we should run to Jesus for forgiveness and deliverance. He stands ready to receive those who come to Him for mercy.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 2**

1. Review

Take a brief time to review the Q&A and memory from Lesson 1. Allow a couple of your students to say it alone and then say it several times as a group. Do not spend a great deal of time on this. Spend the bulk of your time learning the new verse.

2. Explain the verse.

**Galatians 3:24** *So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ ....*

- What is the law? (The Ten Commandments. Note: Though the concept of the law is larger than the Ten Commandments, for our purposes with children in Grades 1-2, this simple answer will suffice.)
- What does it mean to be “put in charge”? (It means you were given the job of getting something very special done.)
- What was the law put in charge to do? (It was put in charge to lead us to Christ; to show us how much we need Jesus.)

3. Memorize the verse

Tape a verse – Work with children memorizing the verse. After awhile have one child recite the verse on a tape recorder. Replay the verse and then have the child check for accuracy. Give each child a chance to recite and check his verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What did Josiah, the King, want Shaphan to do? (He wanted him to have the high priest collect the money from the temple treasury and begin repairs on the building.)
2. What did the high priest find as he collected the money from the treasury? (He found the Book of the Law which had been lost.)
3. When Shaphan read the book to Josiah, how did the king react and why? (He tore his clothes because he realized his people would be punished by God.)
4. Realizing the sin of his people, what did Josiah do? (He sent men to the prophetess to see what the Lord might say. In other words, he went to God to ask for mercy.)
5. Why has God given us the Ten Commandments? (To show us our sinfulness and to lead us to Christ. When we realize we have sinned and are under the judgment of God, we should run to Christ for mercy and deliverance.)

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## Lesson Focus

**Text: Matthew 19:16-26**

**Question 3:** What does the first commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 3:** The first commandment tells me not to have any other god but the true God.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that they should have no other gods before the One true God.
2. Be willing to forsake all to possess Christ.

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## Year 2- Lesson 3 -Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. If I were to ask you what is the most important thing that you have, what would you say? (Allow for discussion) Would it be your pet? Nintendo? Parents? Toy? Book? Friend?
2. Now if you said your pet was the most important thing you have, how would I be able to find out just **how** important your pet is to you? One way I could learn this is by seeing what you would be willing to trade your pet for. If I offered you a candy bar and you were ready to give up your pet, how important would your pet be? But if I offered you a million dollars and you still would not give it up, what would that say?
3. In our Bible lesson today we will hear of a man who has something very important to him; something he does not want to part with. Because it is so important to him, however, it gets in the way of his gaining something of far more importance. Let's see what's so important to this man and what should have been most important to him.

### Body

1. Almost 2000 years ago a man came up to Jesus. We do not know this man's name but we do know that he was young, some sort of ruler, probably Jewish, and definitely rich. He came to Jesus with a very important question although it was the wrong question.

He asked, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life". In other words he was asking what special thing could he do so that he would be well pleasing to God and assured of being part of God's Kingdom. He asked this question because he

thought he could do something good for God, and Jews of his day believed that doing a specific goodness could earn eternal life.

2. Now Jesus, who is God, knew the heart and the thinking of this man and He knew this man had much to learn. So he began talking with him. He said, "Why are you asking me about what is good? There is only one who good; but if you want to enter eternal life, keep the commandments."

You see Jesus said there is only One who is good. Do you know who that is? Yes, only God. And if there is only One who is good, what does that say about everybody else? We are not good. What Jesus was kindly telling the man with this statement was that his question, "What good thing shall I do..." was not even a possibility because only God is good. With his next statements Jesus would show the truth of this.

3. When the man heard Jesus say keep the commandments he asked, "Which ones?" Jesus mentioned the 5th - 9th commandments and the summary of these which was "love your neighbor as yourself".

To this the rich young ruler said, "I have kept all these, but is there something else beyond the law that I could do to have eternal life?" Now do you think he really kept all those commands perfectly? Chances are he did not, but he only thought he did. He did not have a true understanding of what they really meant. But this did not bother Jesus because he was getting closer to showing this man his real problem.

4. Then Jesus told the man, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." When the man heard this he went away grieved because he owned much property.

Why did Jesus say that he should sell everything and give to the poor and come follow him? If he really did this, would this man be pleasing to God and be assured of eternal life? The truth is that Jesus knew this man would not and could not do this because he had something much more important in his life than Jesus. Do you know what this was? Yes, it was his possessions; all the things that he owned.

You see, the man had really broken the first commandment. He had a god that he put before the true God. That god was his money and belongings. Because these were most important in his life he went away very upset, full of sorrow, still not pleasing to God and not sure of eternal life.

5. When the man left, Jesus said to his disciples (followers) "It is a fact that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. In fact it would be easier for a camel to go through an eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." (Show sewing needle to illustrate how impossible this is)

When Jesus' followers heard this they asked, "Who then can be saved?" You see they thought that since the man was rich he must be blessed of God (many Jews believed that to be true). And if a man blessed of God will not enter God's Kingdom, then who can?

6. Jesus replied and said, "With man it is impossible, but with God all things are possible." You see, Jesus was saying they were right. With men, apart from God, it is impossible to enter God's Kingdom. This is true because no man is good nor could he

do enough “good” to warrant forgiveness of sins and eternal life. But man is not without hope, because with God all things are possible.

### **Conclusion**

1. Children, God has given to us His commandments to show us our sinfulness and to lead us to Christ. His first commandment tells us to put no gods before Him, to put nothing as more important than Him. The truth is none of us keeps even the first command. Just like the rich young ruler we all have things that are more important to us than following Jesus, than having Him. For some of us it is our friends, or sports, or TV, or certain toys, - all of which get in the way of our having the best gift of all, Jesus Christ. We stand before God having all of our earthly possessions, but guilty of not having God as our first love.

2. Because of this we need to come to Christ. We need to tell God that we have sinned, that we have placed many things as more important than Him. We need to tell Him, too, that we have no way of making right what we have done, that we can only come to Christ and ask for His mercy. And do you know what? When we come to God in this way, He hears our prayer, forgives our sin, and gives us new life.

Has the law shown you your need of Christ? Have you come to Him to ask for His mercy and new life?

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 3**

1. Review

Take a brief time to review Q&A and memory verses for lessons 1-2. Let a few children recite their memory work and then recite as a group. Be sure to save plenty of time for learning the new verse.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:3** *“You shall have no other gods before me.*

- Who is speaking these words? (God)
- When did He speak them? (When He gave the Ten Commandments to the people of Israel.)
- In your own words what is God telling the people that they must do? (They are to keep God as the most important thing in their lives.)

3. Memorize the verse

Ping Pong – Divide your group into two teams. Use your finger to represent the ping pong ball. Point to each team – that team will say one word (or two) each time the finger points to them. Continue to do this through the verse several times until the verse is memorized. If a team cannot say their word in a few seconds, award the other team a point.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What was the most important thing in the life of the rich young ruler? (His money, the riches he owned)
2. How do you know? (He was not willing to give them up to follow Christ.)
3. How have we all broken the first commandment? (We all have made other things as most important than God.)
4. Give some example of things we make more important than God. (Friends, toys, TV, food,...)
5. How can we have eternal life? (We must come to Christ admitting our sin, asking Him for His mercy and new life.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text: Exodus 32**

**Question 4:** What does the 2nd commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 4:** The 2nd commandment tells me not to make, worship, or serve any images of God.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand why he should not make, worship or serve an idol.
2. See how great God is, and seek to live for, worship and serve God in light of this.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 4 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. What would I do if I wanted to describe you to a person who has never met you?
  - How would you like it if a took an ant and showed it to the person and said, "This is what he is like. He is kind of a small person." Would you like being described this way?
  - What if I used a cockroach? I could say, "He is like this cockroach because sometimes he is pesty". Would you like that description?
  - How about if I took some marble and made a sculpture of you, or if I showed an 8-1/2 X 10 glossy photo of you? Would you like that? You would probably like that better, but even the best sculpture or photo is lifeless. It doesn't say anything about how smart you are, how fun you are to be around, how funny you can be, or how well behaved you are.
  - The fact is, any substitution would only make you seem less than you are.
2. This would be even truer about God. Any image we make of God could never come near to showing us what He is like. In fact it would be a real insult - it would dishonor Him. This is part of the reason our second commandment tells us not to make, worship or serve any images of God.
3. Today we are going to look at a sad story of how God's people tried to make and worship an image of God. We'll see how this made the people act and how God acted in response to this.

## **Body**

### **1. Background**

You will remember a few weeks ago that we talked about what it was like when God gave the Ten Commandments. There was fire shooting way up into the sky. There was lightning, thunder, a loud trumpet blast, smoke and quaking of the mountain. God showed Himself to be the only God, a strong and powerful God.

Do you remember why God showed Himself in this way? He wanted the people to know He was the only true God and He wanted them to fear Him enough to stay away from sin. God showed Himself to be great and mighty, so that the people would remember who is supposed to be in charge.

Now when God came to the mountain what did He give to the people? He gave the Ten Commandments. Who knows what the first one is? (You shall have no others gods before me). Who knows what the second one is? (You shall not make, worship or serve a graven image) After giving the Ten Commandments, God met with Moses and gave many more important laws. Then Moses came before the people and read the book of the law, and all the people entered into a covenant with God. They promised to be faithful. They said, "All the Lord has commanded we will do."

### **2. The people break covenant with God Exodus 32: 1-4**

After making a covenant with God, Moses went back to talk with God. During the next forty days God gave Moses the details of the tabernacle where the people would meet with God and worship Him. Toward the end of this time God gave to Moses two stone tablets with Ten Commandments written on them. This was to serve as a permanent reminder to the people.

While the people were waiting those forty days, something dreadful happened. They grew tired of waiting for Moses to return. (Imagine waiting for forty days not really knowing what was going on) So the people came to Aaron and said, "Let's make a god who will go before us. We have no idea what has happened to Moses."

Was their request good? Should Aaron have listened to them? Absolutely not, but he did. He told the people to gather their gold and when he received it he melted it down and then fashioned it into a calf. Then he declared that this was their god who led them out of the land of Egypt.

Was this a good idea? Why not? It was a terrible idea because it was an insult to the great and powerful God. It was like comparing you to a cockroach, even worse. It was also terrible because when they imagined God to be like a golden calf, it caused them not to fear God as they should have. Listen to what happened next.

### **3. People act immorally 32:5-6**

After making the calf, Aaron told them that tomorrow they would throw a feast for the Lord. And the next day that is just what happened, but the feast was more like a wild party where the people acted very sinfully. Children, remember this: whenever our idea of God comes from our own ideas or whenever we make God smaller than He really is,

the result will be that we become careless in our behavior. How do you think God felt about this?

#### 4. The Lord prepares to discipline His people 32:7-14

This angered the Lord. He told Moses to go down the mountain because he wanted to be alone to destroy them. Moses pleaded with the Lord not to destroy the people. He asked the Lord to remember His promise to Abraham and others that He'd bring them into the Promised Land. He also asked the Lord to consider how the Egyptians might mock his name. Thankfully, the Lord listened to the pleas of Moses.

#### 5. Moses rebukes the people 32:15

Moses came down from the mountain. When he saw the calf and the people carrying on in a wild manner, he smashed the stone tablets to the ground. This was to say, "Already you have broken your agreement with God." Then he took the calf and ground it down to fine dust and he scattered it over the water.

Then Moses asked Aaron what the people did to him that they sinned so greatly in his presence. Aaron told him what happened but did not take responsibility for his poor leadership.

#### 6. The people judged, forgiveness sought 32:25-35

As Moses looked around the people were still carrying on. They were out of control. So Moses asked the people who was on the Lord's side. The sons of Levi came forward. Moses told them to go out among the people who continued to worship this false god and punish them. This they did. Then Moses went up the mountain and asked for forgiveness for the people.

### **Conclusion**

1. Our second commandment tells us not to make an image of God. Every image of God only makes God smaller. It dishonors him and insults him. It also makes us careless in our worship and service to God. If we make God to be a puny God, we will not be careful how we live. But if we let God tell us and show us what He is like and how He is to be worshipped and served, then we will be careful how we live, worship and serve.

2. Are you careful how you behave? Are you careful how you worship and serve God? If not, it shows that you may have a small view of God. We need to be careful not to think about God the way we think He is, rather we must let God, through His Word, tell us who He is. When we understand what He says about Himself, we will come, bow down, worship and serve Him.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 4**

1. Review

Take a brief time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 3. Recite this lesson together as a group and then let several children try it on their own. Be sure to save plenty of time to work on your new verse.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:4a+5a** "You shall not make for yourself an idol ... 5 You shall not worship them or serve them..."

- What is an idol? (An idol is an image or object used in religious worship.)
- What three things are we told not to do with an idol? (We are not to make them, nor worship or serve them.)

3. Memorize the verse

Beanbag toss: Sit in a circle and give the first child a bean bag. He is to say the reference of the verse and then toss the beanbag to anyone else in the group. When that person catches the beanbag, he is to say the next word and then pass it on. Keep passing the beanbag until the verse is completely said. Try to make sure all children stay involved. To insure this you might want to say that once a person has caught the beanbag he cannot catch it again until the next round.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What happened when Moses was up on the mountain with God for forty days? (The people came to Aaron wanting to make a god who would continue to lead them.)
2. What commandment was this activity breaking? (It was breaking the second commandment that forbids making, worshipping or serving an idol.)
3. What is the problem with making an image of the true God? (It dishonors Him, making Him out to be smaller than He is.)
4. How did the people behave once they had made an image? (They danced and partied and committed many sinful acts.)
5. Why is it important to have a correct view of our great God? (When we see God for who He really is, we are more likely to live more obediently.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** 1 Samuel 2:11-36, 4:1-11

**Question 5:** What does the third commandment tell us about the use of God's name?

**Answer 5:** The third commandment tells us not to use God's name in a way that brings dishonor to him.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand what it means to use the Lord's name in vain.
2. Commit to honor God through his words and deeds.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 5 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. If you were the President's child would you have to be careful how you acted and what you said? Of course you would, because everything you did and said would be a reflection on your father. Your good deeds and words would honor the name of your father, but your bad deeds and words would bring shame to his name.

For example, if you were the President's child and you won a scholarship to a very excellent college or if you were involved in helping the poor in your community, you would bring great honor to the family name.

But, on the other hand, if you were caught stealing, or had to drop out of school, or were caught spray painting graffiti, you would bring great dishonor to the President. And if you tried to get out of trouble by using the President's name you would bring even more shame to the family name.

2. Today in our story we are going to talk about a family and a group of people who did not honor their father's name. We shall see the sad results of their poor choices. Their story is found in 1 Samuel 2.

### Body

#### 1. Background

God had a plan. He would gather a people who would be His special treasure. They would be just like His children. He would enter into covenant or agreement with them and promise to care for them if they were obedient. His plan went beyond this people, however, because He wanted His name to be known throughout the earth. Thus, God's desire for this people was that they would be a light to all nations of the earth. As God's

special people, the nation of Israel had a chance to honor the name of God with their words and deeds.

Now within this special people, God assigned certain persons to act as priests. The priests had a very important responsibility. They were to teach the people the law of God. They also were to oversee the worship of the people, especially the system of sacrifices. In a big way the priests spoke for God to the people. Their words and deeds said much to the people about who God was. Their good words and deeds truly would honor the name of God whom they served.

## 2. The evil of Eli's sons

In the beginning chapters of the book of 1 Samuel we see that the priest in Israel is Eli. He had two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, who assisted him with the duties. Sadly, though, Eli and his sons were terrible priests. With their words and deeds they dishonored the name of God. They dragged God's name through the mud.

The Bible tells us that Eli's two sons did not know the Lord, nor did they know their duty as priests. Eli, who was to be a teacher in the land, did not do a very good job with his own children. In fact, the Bible tells us that his two sons were very evil.

When it came time for the people to present their sacrifices to the Lord the two boys would not follow the rules as to how things ought to be done. They didn't care how God wanted things done, they only wanted to get some of the best meat. When the people tried to correct them, they would not listen. They had their servants put their forks in the boiling water and pick out the best meat. Do you know who was supposed to get the best meat? The best meat was to be offered to God. This was a way of honoring Him.

Word got around how evil the sons of Eli were. Some people even complained to Eli, who tried to correct his sons, but they wouldn't listen. They dishonored the name of Eli and, more important, they dishonored the name of God. This was especially sad because they were God's priests.

## 3. Eli rebuked

God was well aware of how this priestly family was dishonoring His name and He set out to make things right. He sent a man of God to Eli to tell him of his wrong. The man reminded Eli that he was especially appointed to serve God in this way. This was a privilege that God had given. But because he honored his sons more than he honored God he would now lose this opportunity. His sons would die and God would make men, who were more faithful, to be His priests.

You see Eli failed to care about the name of God. He should have lived to see God's name be honored, to be respected among the people. Instead, though, Eli honored his sons and did not correct them or teach them properly. He would suffer great loss because of this.

## 4. The tragic end 4:1-11

Shortly after this, the people of Israel were involved in a battle against the Philistines. As they fought, the people of Israel lost 4000 men. The people were stunned. They didn't know what to do nor why this had happened. They thought the Lord would have given

them victory. The truth is that they had forgotten that God's blessing was only promised if they were obedient. Their loss in battle should have reminded them of that.

So the people in desperation tried something else to gain the victory. They thought if they took the Ark of the Covenant, the symbol of God's presence, into battle with them that they would surely win. They thought that if they lifted up the name of their God, they would be able to gain the victory.

When the Philistines found out that the people of Israel had done this, they were afraid. Instead of turning in fear, however, they let this encourage them all the more to fight. The battle that followed saw a great slaughter of Israelite men and it saw the death of Eli's two sons.

The people of Israel and the priestly family of Eli suffered great loss because they were not careful how they used the Lord's name. Instead of being a light to the world of the greatness of God, they brought great dishonor to God's name. Instead of lifting up God's name for all to respect, they lifted it up for selfish purposes (to help them win a battle). But God saw to it that those who dishonor His name would not go unpunished.

## **Conclusion**

1. Children, we have a great God who has given us a big responsibility. He calls us to be His children who will honor His name in all the earth. With our words and deeds God desires that we show the world what a great God we serve.

That means that we must never use God's name lightly. We must not say His name in a meaningless way or as a swear word. Some people, even Christians, use God's name by saying, "God... or Jesus..." as an exclamation. When they are spoken to about this they say they don't mean anything by this. But this is exactly the point. When we use the name of God we must never mean nothing by it. Our God is a great God and His name should never be used in a meaningless or silly way.

2. But our words are not the only important thing. If we call ourselves Christians we are lifting up the name of our God in all of our behavior. Anyone who says he is a Christian and then doesn't follow God's commandments is dishonoring God's name. If we live selfishly in any way, if we do not love our brothers, we belittle the Lord's name before others.

Let us all commit to never use the Lord's name in a meaningless, silly way or for selfish purposes. Let's honor His name with all of our behavior and words. May God help us to do so, because only as we have come to Jesus and asked Him to change us will we be able to do this.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 5**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 4. Make this a brief time so that you will have ample time to work on lesson 5.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:7** *“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, ...*

- What is this verse telling us not to do? (We should not misuse God’s name)
- What does it mean to “misuse”? (To use in an improper way, to treat badly)
- In what ways can God’s name be misused? (Using it as a swear word, using it in a silly way, using it for selfish purposes instead of to honor God, using it without respect,...)

3. Memorize the verse

Flip a coin. Divide your group into two groups. Assign one group to be the “heads” group and the other the “tails”. Practice saying the verse together several times, then flip a coin. If it lands on heads, let the heads group recite the verse. If it lands on tails, let the tails group say the verse. Repeat this until everyone has the verse memorized well.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. For what purpose did God make the people of Israel His special treasure? (To be a light to the other nations.)
2. What special job did the priests in Israel have? (They taught the people the law of God and lead the people in worship.)
3. What were Eli’s sons like? (They were very evil. They did not know the Lord.)
4. How did Eli’s sons dishonor God’s name? (They took the best meat for themselves. They acted very wickedly in many ways.)
5. How did the people of Israel misuse God’s name? (They used the Ark as a rabbit’s foot. They thought holding it up would gain them a victory no matter how they lived.)
6. How were the people punished for misusing God’s name? (Eli’s sons were killed in battle; Israel lost her battle, the Ark was taken and many people lost their lives.)
7. How can a Christian be careful in how he uses God’s name? (Be sure that all his words and deeds bring honor to God.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text: Exodus 16:1-30**

**Question 6:** What does the fourth commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 6:** The fourth commandment tells me not to do anything that keeps me from worshipping God.

**Objective:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that God gave us the sabbath for our own good.
2. Decide to use the Christian sabbath as a day to remember God as Creator and Redeemer.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 6 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. How many of you have taken some kind of medicine? Let's say that you were taking a medicine that was keeping you alive. In other words, this medicine was so important that if you did not take it, you would die. It would be pretty important to take it, wouldn't you say?

Let's also say that you were a very busy person. Every day you went to school. Some days you went to gymnastics practice; some days to piano lessons; some days you helped your mom or dad with chores around the house. Let's say that your life was full each day.

Now would you say it was a good excuse if you forgot to take your medicine because you were too busy doing all the good things we have just described? You might argue, "But I was doing all kinds of good things. I was learning, helping my mom,... I just didn't have time to take my medicine".

This would not be a very good excuse because in doing good things you failed to do the most important thing. In this instance your parents should tell you never, never let anything get in the way of taking your medicine. To fail to do this could mean becoming very unhealthy or even dying.

2. In our Bible the people of God had a kind of medicine that they needed in order to really live. It was so important that God told them never to let anything get in the way of their taking it. Let's look at our story today found in Exodus 16 and find out what that special kind of medicine was. Let's find out what they should never have forgotten to make part of their lives.

## **Body**

### **1. Background**

Our story takes place just after the people of Israel were taken from the land of Egypt. Do you remember that for 400 years the people of Israel were slaves to the Egyptians? Do you remember how hard their lives were and how they cried out to God to deliver them? Then you may recall how God came and used the 10 plagues to deliver the people from Egypt. It was a miraculous deliverance that should have made a great impression on them. They should have been convinced of God's care for them and His power to really take care of them.

### **2. The people's grumbling 16:1-3**

It is very important to note that when God took the people from Egypt, He intended to bring them to a promised land. It was to be a beautiful land with much food, houses for them to live in, all that they really needed. But God did not bring them directly there. Instead He took them into the wilderness; into the desert. Why would He do this?

The truth is, God knew the people. He knew that they would very soon forget Him unless He continued to prove His power and love for them and prove their need of Him. So He brought them to the desert and made them go hungry.

When the people ran out of food they began to grumble to Moses and Aaron, their leaders. They said they wished they could be back in Egypt where at least they had full pots of meat and plenty of bread. They accused Moses and Aaron of bringing them out into the wilderness only to die.

### **3. God offers of solution 16:4-12**

The Lord God, the one who knows all and sees all, heard their grumbling. He told Moses His plan to help the people. Moses then went to the people and scolded them for their grumbling. He said they were really grumbling against God. They were really not the important people in this venture. The truth was that God had led them to this place by the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

Moses then gathered the people. God spoke with Moses and confirmed that in the evening the people would have quail and in the morning God would feed them with bread from heaven. Then they would know that the Lord was truly God.

### **4. The first five days 16:13-21**

The next morning there was dew on the ground. This was nothing new. But when the dew evaporated, left on the ground was a flake like thing. The people wanted to know what it was. Moses told them it was bread from God. They were to gather only what they needed each day. Anything left over should be thrown out lest in the morning it would be full of worms. So every morning the people gathered the "manna". Each man gathered exactly what he needed. If, however, they had some left over overnight, it would breed worms.

Why do you think God only gave them one day's bread at a time? Because they needed to be reminded daily of their need of God. God would provide one day at a time if they continued to trust in him.

#### 5. The sixth day gathering 16:22-30

On the sixth day, however, something strange occurred as the people gathered the manna. Instead of gathering and having one omer full of manna, they gathered and for some reason they had two omers full of manna. The people came to Moses and asked what was going on.

Moses told them that on the sixth day God wanted them to gather enough for two days, because the seventh day would be a day of rest, a special celebration to the Lord. The people were not to go out and try to gather bread because it wouldn't be there. God wanted them to stay in their homes.

Why would God not want them to go out on the seventh day and gather food just like every other day? Because God wanted them to stop doing all their work and take time to remember how God created them, delivered them and now was providing for them. This was their medicine which they needed. If they didn't take time away from their work (as important as it was) and remember and praise God, they would soon forget Him. This would be very bad for them.

#### **Conclusion**

1. Boys and girls, God has given us a medicine that we badly need. In fact, if we don't take it, we will be badly hurt. That medicine is time to worship. He tells us to keep the Sabbath day by making it holy. We all need time to stop all our activities and be reminded of God - the one who created us, who saves us from our sin, and who takes care of us each day. We need time to remember this and then to praise and thank Him. To let other things crowd out this time is just like the person at the beginning of our lesson who didn't take the medicine. We are hurting ourselves when we fail to take this medicine.

I encourage you to take time each day and especially on Sunday to stop all your activity and remember God. As you do, feast on God and His Son, Jesus Christ. Talk to Him, pray to Him, sing to Him, get with others and lift His name up. This is your medicine that you must not neglect. This is why we say the fourth commandment tells us not to do anything that keeps us from the worship of God.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 6**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verses for lessons 4 and 5. Try to give each child a chance to show you that they know these lessons. Be sure to leave time for today's lesson as well.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:8** *"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy".*

- What is a sabbath day? (It is a day of rest. A day set apart from others.)
- When do we celebrate our sabbath day? Which day of the week? (Sunday)
- How are we to remember the sabbath day? (By keeping it holy)
- How can we keep the sabbath holy? (By making it a day of focusing on God.)

3. Memorize the verse

Add a word: Divide the team into two groups. Have one group say the first word only - then the other team should say that word plus the next word. Each time the team has a turn, they repeat all that has been said previously and add **one word**. Do this several times until the verse is learned.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. Why did God take the people into the desert instead of taking them to the Promised Land? (He wanted to teach them how badly they needed Him and how they needed to trust Him.)
2. What did the people do when they ran out of food? Is this what they should have done? (They grumbled. They should have trusted God and prayed to Him.)
3. How did God provide to meet their need for food? (He sent manna from heaven)
4. How much manna were the people to collect each day? ( Days 1-5 – enough for each day only. Day 6 – enough for 2 days)
5. Were the people supposed to collect manna on the 7<sup>th</sup> day? Why or why not? (No. God wanted them to stop all their work and activity and spend the day celebrating God.)
6. Does your family remember the sabbath day by keeping it holy? If so, how? (Answers vary. Use this opportunity to encourage the children to make Sundays a day of special focus on God.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text: 2 Samuel 13:1-18:18 (only the highlights)**

**Question 7:** How does the fifth commandment tell me not to treat my parents?

**Answer 7:** The fifth commandment tells me not to disobey my parents or show them disrespect.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that honoring his parents includes obeying them and giving them respect.
2. Seek a new heart so that he might honor God and his parents.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 7 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. How many of you have an older sister or brother? How many of you who have an older brother or sister ever have them as a baby-sitter? I have two girls and sometimes I have the older one baby-sit for the younger. When I leave them home alone I tell our younger one that she is to obey and respect her older sister. I tell her that while her mom and I are gone I am giving her older sister authority (the right to be in charge) and that she should obey and respect that authority. In a way I give my authority (or my being in charge) to my older daughter to use in caring for our younger daughter. Our older daughter is to use this authority for us.

2. Did you know that God works in the same way. He is the greatest authority. He is the one who is in charge of everybody. Yet He gives His authority to others to use for Him and His purposes. He gives His authority to our government leaders and He wants us to respect and obey them (so long as they are using that authority for God). He also gives authority to parents. He expects them to use that authority to care for us and He expects children to obey and respect their parents. That's what it means to honor our parents.

As God's children we are not to disobey or show disrespect for our parents. This breaks the fifth commandment.

3. Today we want to look at the sad life of a boy who did disobey and did not show respect to his parents. We will see what happened to him because of this.

## Body

### 1. Absalom introduced

Absalom was the son of King David. As King's son I am sure he had many privileges. The Bible tells us that Absalom was a very handsome person. It said that there was no defect in him. He did not have a wart on his nose, a mole on his forehead, or crooked teeth. People praised him for his looks. One of his outstanding features was his hair. Once a year he cut it and it was very heavy. He must have had wonderfully thick hair.

### 2. Absalom estranged from the King

Absalom had a step brother named Amnon. One day Amnon mistreated Absalom's sister and spoke rudely to her. This greatly angered Absalom and for two years he was bitter against Amnon. One day Absalom plotted the death of Amnon. He invited all of the King's sons to a special event. In the midst of this event, Absalom had his servants murder Amnon. All the other sons of the king ran from Absalom.

When King David heard of this he wept bitterly. This was a great sadness to him. He had already lost one of his sons as a baby and now to lose another was a great tragedy. To make matters worse, Absalom also ran from the scene and now David had sadness upon sadness.

### 3. Absalom reunited to David

For three years Absalom stayed away from his father. In fact, he would have stayed away longer if it were not for one of the King's commanders. King David's commander, Joab, saw how sad David was about his son and decided to try to encourage David to invite him back. In time, because of Joab's urging, David allowed Absalom to come back but wanted him to stay in his own house.

So Joab brought Absalom back, but for two whole years Absalom was not able to see his father's face. I am sure this was hard on David, having Absalom so close but not able to see him. I am sure, as well, that it was equally hard on Absalom. In fact, Absalom probably got very bitter toward his dad at this time. Finally, however, Absalom was brought before his father who accepted him back.

### 4. Absalom rebels

All was not well, though, when Absalom returned. During those days of being apart from his father he had grown angry. Instead of remembering that God expected him to honor David, the one to whom God had given authority to raise him, Absalom became a rebel. Instead of being obedient to his dad and giving him respect, Absalom plotted to steal the kingdom.

To do this He began to stand by the way to the city gate. He wanted to speak to the people who were on their way to have their cases argued before the King. He would tell the people that they had a good case, but would not get a fair hearing from the King. He said if he were king they would be heard and given fairness.

As Absalom spoke to more and more in this way, he turned many people against his father. He was slowly winning the hearts of the people.

Finally one day he decided it was time for himself to be king. He gathered many people together to declare him as king. He was no longer willing to obey and respect his father, even if he was the one God had given authority. When David heard of this he fled from his house because he knew Absalom was up to no good.

With the advice of a counselor, Absalom went to the house of David. There he helped himself to some of the things that belonged to David. By showing such disrespect for his father he thought the people would all the more rally around him.

Finally he entered into war with his father. The area where they fought was very wooded. It was a very dangerous area to battle. In fact numbers of people lost their lives running or riding in the woods. Absalom himself was riding his donkey through this wooded area when he got his hair caught in a tree. The donkey kept going and left Absalom hanging helplessly from his hair. He was discovered by one of David's men who came by and killed him, though he had been told not to do so. Absalom rebelled against God and the one God had put in charge over him and he came to a sad end. He chose to disobey his father and to show disrespect, and as a result he did not live long in the land.

### **Application**

1. Our Bible tells us that we are to honor our fathers and mothers so that we might live a long life in the land. That means we are to consider them as important; so important that we will obey them and respect them. If we do this then God promises His blessing.

2. But if we disobey this command by not obeying our parents and not showing them respect, then we will suffer sad consequences. We may not get our hair caught up in a tree but our life will be full of sadness.

3. You see God has given us parents for a good reason. He has given them authority; He has put them in charge to raise us and care for us. It is for your own good that God gives you parents. That is the way God planned to take care of you. So as children, it is your duty to obey your parents and respect them. How are you doing? Are you obedient to your parents? Is their word to you very important? When they tell you to stop playing and come in an eat, do you do it? When they tell you certain things are not good for you, do you listen to them? And do you honor them by thinking very highly of them? Are you grateful for them – do you see them as God's gift to you, to care for you and watch over you?

If not, you have broken God's 5<sup>th</sup> command and are deserving His punishment. And you will be under His judgment until you come to Jesus confessing your sin, seeking His forgiveness and new life. Won't you come to him today?

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 7**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 6. Give several students an opportunity to recite this lesson and then recite it as a whole group. Be sure to leave time for today's memory verse.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:12** *"Honor your father and your mother, ...*

- Who are we supposed to honor? (Our father and mother)
- What does it mean to "honor" our parents? (It means to consider them important)
- How can you show that your parents are important to you? (By obeying them and showing them respect)

3. Memorize the verse

Echo (Echo) - Divide your group into two teams and tell them you are going to play the echo game. Have one team begin by reciting part of the verse and then have the other side "echo" what they heard. Have the first team make their way all the way through the verse and then switch roles.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. If I give someone authority what am I giving them the right to do? (To be in charge.)
2. Whom has God put in charge over children? (Parents) Why? (It is God's way of watching over us and caring for us.)
3. How does God expect us to treat our parents? (He expects us to honor our parents.)
4. What did Absalom do that brought dishonor to his father? (He took some things that were his father's and he tried to take over the kingdom.)
5. What happened to Absalom because he broke God's 5<sup>th</sup> commandment? (He did not live very long. He got his hair caught in a tree and was killed.)
6. How can you show that you honor your parents? (By obeying them and showing them respect.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Genesis 1:26-2:9, 4:1-8

**Question 8:** What does the sixth commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 8:** The sixth commandment tells me not to take anyone's life or to hurt them with hateful words, thoughts, or deeds.

**Objective:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that all men are made in God's image and thus should be treated in a loving manner.
2. Realize that he breaks this command when he hurts others with hateful words, thoughts, or deeds.
3. Confess his need of a new heart so that he might treat others with love and respect.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 8 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. Who can tell me what the sixth commandment is? (You shall not kill)

How many here think they have broken this command? (Hopefully all will believe they have not broken it)

How is this commandment being broken everyday in our own city? (Drive by shootings, thieves murder people, gangs shoot each other, people abort babies, ....)

2. Today we would like to look at the sixth commandment and learn three things: A. Why killing is wrong B. Why people kill C. How most of us have broken this commandment

Let's look first at why killing is wrong.

### Body

1. Why killing is wrong Genesis 1:26-2:9

In the beginning of our Bible we see God creating the heavens and earth. On the first day God created the light and separated it from the darkness. He said it was good. On the second day God created the atmosphere, the place that holds the air we need to breathe. This, too, was good. On the third day God separated the sea from the land and on the land he caused plants and trees to sprout which made fruit and seeds after their kind. On the fourth day God made the sun, moon and stars. All this was good as well.

On the fifth day God created the birds of the air and the fish of the sea and finally on the sixth day God created the land animals.

God had created this wonderful earth and all the living things in the air, in the waters and on the ground. But His work was not complete for He had one more very special thing to make. Do you know what that was?

The Bible tells us that God said, "Let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let him rule over all creation". God had not spoken this way about any of his earlier creation. Man was to be something very, very special. He alone was made in the image of God. He alone was made to rule over all that God had made. He alone would be able to show the giving and loving nature of God. God had truly planned to make man His most special creature.

So God took the dust of the ground and he formed a man. At this point man was a lifeless corpse, but then God breathed life into the man and he became a living being.

Here he was - God's special creation. God had given him life and made him in His own image. None of the other creatures was made like this. None of them had God's very image.

Now what should this tell us about how we should care for other human beings? Since God gives them life, is it right that any man should take that life? Since humans are made in God's image, is it right that we in any way hurt that image? This is the image of the great God we have been talking about this whole year. Should we not give the greatest care and respect to other humans because they are made in that image?

But people do harm one another, even kill one another. Why do they do this? Let's go on to our second question about why men kill one another.

## II. Why men kill one another Genesis 4:1-8

The Bible tells us in Genesis 4 that Adam and Eve had two sons. One was Cain who was a tiller of the ground, the other was Abel who was a keeper of flocks. One day they both brought an offering to the Lord. Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground. Abel brought an offering from his flocks.

Now the Bible tells us that God had no regard for Cain's sacrifice. He did not accept it. This caused Cain to be very angry. Why would his brother's sacrifice be accepted and not his? I think he began to envy his brother; perhaps he was jealous, too.

The Lord came to Cain and asked him why he was so angry and why he looked so sad. He reminded him that if he did good, he wouldn't look so sad. Then he warned him that if he did not do good, sin was waiting to take mastery of him. Sin was waiting to put him in its slavery.

Shortly after this Cain and his brother were in the field together. Cain had not listened to God's warning. His envy and jealousy caused by his selfishness were getting the best of him. Love was not controlling in his heart. In a moment of rage Cain rose up and killed his brother Abel. He broke the sixth commandment. He was the first to do so.

Why did he do it? Sin was mastering his heart. Selfishness controlled him instead of love. He failed to remember that man is a creation of God made in God's image and that this image must be respected and handled with greatest care.

### III. How we all break the 6th commandment

Do you know, children, that the Bible teaches that we are not much different than Cain? Oh no, we may not have actually killed someone, but we have sin mastering our hearts. We, too, are often controlled by selfishness instead of love. We forget that others are made in the image of our mighty God. Do you know how I know that?

How many of you have said harmful things to a brother or sister or friend? Do you know when you do this you are hurting God's image in them? How many of you have gotten angry at your mom or dad and have had bad thoughts about them? Do you know this is not respecting the image of God in them? How many of you have teased, or hit, or pushed, or kicked another person? When you do, you are forgetting that this other person is made in God's image and worthy of all respect, and as a result you are breaking the sixth commandment.

That's why the answer to our question today says that the sixth commandment tells us not to take anyone's life or to harm another with our words, thoughts or actions. If we do any of these things, we are showing that we do not respect God's image in them and we show that our hearts are full of selfishness.

### **Conclusion**

1. Let's pretend that you spent many hours making a portrait of yourself. Let's also pretend that you were very careful to do your best job so that people would be sure to see your image in the painting. Then let's pretend that you gave your portrait to a friend who immediately began using it as a dart board; who also spilled food on it and also ended up ripping it into pieces. How do you think you would feel?

This is just like what the Lord did. He carefully made humans in his image. He made them so that others could see His reflection through them. But man has not received well God's portrait. We harm it by murdering. We harm it by saying and thinking hurtful words. We rip it into pieces when we treat it with meanness.

2. Children, when you say, think or act in a hurtful way to others, you are forgetting that they have been made in God's image. You are also showing that selfishness (sin) rules in your heart. If this is true of you, you need to come to Jesus. Tell him that you have sinned. Ask Him to come into your life and give you a new heart; a heart that will learn to love all humans made in God's image. Ask Him to give you a greater respect for God and for all He has made.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 8**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 6 and 7. Since today's memory verse is so short, try to give each child a chance to recite these lessons. Then move on to today's lesson.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:13** *"You shall not murder.*

- What is this verse telling us not to do? (Murder)
- What is murder? (Any unlawful taking of another person's life)
- Why do you think God gave this commandment to His people? (Answers vary)

3. Memorize the verse

Since this verse is so short no special memory game is being presented here.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. How is man different from all the other creatures God has created? (God made man in His own image)
2. What difference should man's being made in God's image make in how we treat other people? (Since man is made in God's image we must do nothing to harm that image.)
3. Who was the first murderer in the Bible? (Cain)
4. What does Cain's murder of Abel show about Cain's heart? (It showed that selfishness or sin ruled in his heart.)
5. What are some ways that we break this commandment every day? (We say hurtful words to others, we think bad thoughts about others, we tease, hit, push and kick others,...)
6. What do we need to enable us to love and respect others instead of hurt them? (We need a new heart. We need the Lord Jesus living inside us.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** 2 Samuel 11:1 - 12:14

**Question 9:** What does the seventh commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 9:** The seventh commandment tells me not to break the marriage promise.

**Objective:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that a marriage promise and all other promises are not to be broken.
2. Commit to keeping his promises.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 9 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. As we begin I would like to make a promise. I promise that I will give \$1 to the first person who can quote Deut. 4:35. (Let children try to quote this verse. When a child successfully quotes the verse tell them you were just kidding about the dollar. Observe their reaction)

2. Did I keep my promise? (No) How did you feel when I failed to keep my promise? (Allow for answers) What would keep me from keeping my promise? (Selfishness) How important is promise keeping in our world?

3. The fact is, promise keeping is very important. If promises aren't kept, great problems result.

- If the people of Mexico ask for a three-billion dollar loan from the US and promise to pay it back in four years, but then never do it, it creates lots of problems for the US.
- If a bank promises to take care of your money and to give you interest and then decides to use your money and not give it back, it creates a lot of problems.
- If you tell your brother or sister a secret and make them promise not to tell, but they go ahead and blab about it, it creates a lot of problems.

4. These are all important promises, but probably one of the greatest promises that must be kept is the marriage promise. When a man and a woman marry they are both promising to love and care for each other for as long as they live. That's what their ring is supposed to remind them of. But when they break this promise it creates a lot of problems. Many people are hurt, many tears are shed, children are hurt and confused by it, ... the list goes on. (Illustration: Glue two pieces of paper together to represent two people becoming one through marriage. Then try to separate them and see how they get torn. This happens when people aren't faithful to their marriage promise.)

5. Many problems are also created when we encourage others to break their promises.

- If we encourage our friend who promised another friend to spend the night to come to our house instead, we create a lot of hard feelings.
- If we encourage our parents to buy a new bike for us instead of our sister, whom they had promised, we create a lot of hard feelings.
- And if a man or a woman does anything to encourage another man or woman to break their marriage promise, we are creating a lot of hard feelings, and we are breaking God's 7th commandment which is "You shall not commit adultery". Remember adultery is breaking your marriage promise.

6. This is exactly what David in the O.T. did. It is to his story we turn to right now. It is found in 2 Samuel 11-12.

### **Body**

1. One day King David, instead of going out to battle with his troops like most kings would do, stayed home. That evening while walking on his roof he saw a very beautiful woman taking a bath. He asked around to see if anyone knew who she was. He soon found out that this woman was Bathsheba, the wife of a soldier named Uriah.

2. Now David knew that Uriah and Bathsheba had made a marriage covenant or promise. He knew that it was wrong to cause the breaking of that promise. But selfishness filled his heart. So he asked one of his messengers to bring Bathsheba to him. When she arrived David lay with her and she became pregnant. This was very evil.

3. David had a great problem now. He knew this act was punishable by death. He also knew when people found out he would be greatly ashamed. So David tried to hide his sin. He called Uriah from the battle and tried to get him to go spend time with his wife. He thought if Uriah would do this he might later think, when the baby was born, that it was really his.

4. Uriah was too good a man. He did not think it proper to go spend time with his wife when all the other men were involved in battle and had to sleep out under the stars. So he slept with the servants of David and did not go home.

5. David had to go to plan B. He wrote a note to his chief commander instructing him to put Uriah in the front of the battle. When things got rough he was told to withdraw from Uriah so that he would be killed. The commander followed David's instructions and soon Uriah was dead. Now David's problems were over. Or were they?

6. Someone knew exactly what David had done. Do you know who that was? It was God. He knew David had stolen Uriah's wife causing their marriage promise to be broken, and He knew David had murdered Uriah. So the Lord sent His prophet Nathan to David.

7. When Nathan saw David he told him a story about a rich man who had many flocks and herds but who took the only beloved lamb a poor man had in order to serve a guest. When David heard the story he became angry and said that the man who has done this deserves to die.

8. Nathan then explained that David was that man. God had blessed him with the kingdom and all the riches and blessing that were a part of it. But David had stolen Uriah's wife, causing their marriage promise to be broken. Then he killed Uriah. Nathan went on to say David would be punished for this great sin. He would lose the baby born to Bathsheba, there would be rebellion in his home, and there would be much bloodshed in his days.

9. When David heard this he confessed that he had sinned against the Lord. He admitted he was guilty, that he was wrong. Nathan assured him that God had taken away his sin and that he would not die for it, but that he would suffer the consequences of his sin.

### **Conclusion**

1. When a man and a woman make a marriage promise, as Uriah and Bathsheba did, God expects them to keep their promise until death. And everyone who knows these people should do everything in their power to encourage them to keep that promise.

When a promise is broken, as it was when David took Uriah's wife, or when a man or woman leaves their spouse, God's commandment is broken and many painful consequences usually result.

2. As young children I urge you to get it in your heart and mind that if and when God gives you a spouse, you will be true to the promise you will make. And beyond that, it is very important in all our promises to be faithful.

Your word needs to be true. When you say something you must keep your word. When you make a promise you must not break it.

3. Have you been a promise keeper? If you haven't, once again God's law has shown you your sinfulness. It has shown you your need of Christ. Won't you come to Christ, lay down your life, and tell Him you have sinned but want to live His way? God will hear that true prayer of faith and will come in to cleanse you from sin and to give you a new heart.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 9**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 7 and 8. Give each child a chance to recite each of these lessons. Be sure to leave some time for today's lesson as well.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:14** *"You shall not commit adultery.*

- What is this verse telling us not to do? (Commit adultery)
- What is adultery? (At this level it would be best to speak of adultery as the breaking of a marriage promise.)
- Why do you think God gave us this commandment? (When marriages break up, all the family members are hurt. When many marriages in society break up, that society becomes very hurt and weak.)

3. Memorize the verse

Cover a word - Write the verse on the chalkboard. Recite it a couple of times together. Then take 2 pieces of tagboard and cover two of the words in the verse. Have a child recite the verse. If he recites it correctly allow him to cover two new words and repeat the process. Give several children a chance to do this. Work on the verse until everyone has it mastered.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. Why is it important to keep promises? (Many people can get hurt and many problems can come when we don't keep our promises.)
2. How did David break the seventh commandment? (He took Uriah's wife causing her to break her marriage promise.)
3. What keeps people from keeping their promises? (Many times it is selfishness.)
4. What kinds of problems come when people don't keep their marriage promise? (Their lives are torn apart, children are hurt, tears flow,...)
5. Have you been keeping your promises? If not, what should you do? (It is necessary to come to Christ, confess sin, and ask for His forgiveness and for new life. Make this your daily prayer; God will not only forgive you, but He will help you to learn how to keep your promises.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text: John 12:1-8**

**Question 10:** What does the eighth commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 10:** The eighth commandment tells me not to steal because stealing shows that I love things more than people.

**Objective:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that stealing shows that we love things more than people, that selfishness reigns in our heart.
2. Seek Christ for a new heart and grace to live in love.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 10 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. I have two bottles of "something" which I would like you to smell. Do I have a volunteer to come up and smell what is in each bottle and tell me what you think of each smell? (Have one or more students smell a bottle containing cologne and a bottle containing vinegar) Some smells are pleasing to us and others are not pleasing.

2. In the Bible sometimes smells are linked to certain behavior. When something is done that is very pleasing to God or very loving it is said to be a very acceptable aroma to God. If something is done that is not pleasing to God or very selfish it is said to be a smell that turns the head of God. This is like poking your head over a garbage can where garbage has been rotting.

3. I am going to give you some behaviors now related to the eighth commandment and I want you to tell me which aroma they would be linked with. (As students answer the question, help them see what made each behavior pleasing or not.)

- I buy a homeless person a dinner (cologne)
- I steal a pencil from my neighbor's desk (vinegar)
- Mom has me deliver a plate of cookies to a neighbor but I take a few and eat them before delivering them. (vinegar)
- I give a friend at school half of my sandwich because he forgot his at home. (cologne)
- I give my little brother or sister the last cookie even though I'd really like it. (cologne)

- I charge my younger neighbor friend twice the real value for my bike because I know he doesn't know better. (vinegar)

4. What made some of the behaviors sweet-smelling? (They were those which showed we love people more than things. They were loving, not selfish, acts.) What made some of the other behaviors foul smelling? (They showed that we love things more than people. They showed much selfishness)

5. Our Bible story today will highlight two people. I want you to tell me, when we are all done, which showed behavior that would be a pleasing aroma and which did not.

## **Body**

### 1. Background

Our story takes place shortly after Jesus performed one of His most amazing miracles. A man named Lazarus, whose sisters were Mary and Martha, had died. But Jesus came after he had been in the tomb for four days and He raised Lazarus from the dead. This miracle amazed many people.

### 2. Mary's loving act John 12:1-3

Soon after this Jesus was in the town of Bethany again where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. They invited Jesus to their home to have dinner with them. During dinner when Martha was serving and Lazarus was reclined at the table with Jesus, Mary did a most amazing thing.

She got a very costly jar of perfume. This jar was worth a whole year's wages for a common laborer. It may well have been her life savings; her retirement money. She opened the jar and she poured it over Jesus' feet and then began wiping his feet with her hair. The whole house began to fill with the smell of the perfume.

Why would Mary do this? Why would she pour out a whole year's wages on Jesus? She did this out of love and devotion to the Lord. He had raised her brother, showing Himself to be God, the one who has the power of life and death in His hand. She respected Him greatly and wanted to show how much she admired Him. By doing what she did, what did she show was most important in her life? The perfume (thing) or Jesus (people)? What did she show filled her heart? (Love)

### 3. Judas' unloving ways 12:4-6

Now someone who saw this was very upset with what Mary did. His name was Judas Iscariot. He asked why the perfume wasn't sold for 300 denarii (one year's wages) and the money given to the poor. Now this might sound like a good question, but the Bible tells us that Judas was not really interested in the poor. The truth was that Judas, as the treasurer of the group, the one who cared for the funds collected and given to the poor, was stealing from that fund. Perhaps he thought this was a good opportunity to get his hands on some more money; a chance to take care of himself a little better.

What does this tell us about Judas? He loved things, money, himself more than he loved others, the poor, and Jesus. Love did not fill his heart, but selfishness did.

#### 4. Jesus' response 12:7-8

When Jesus heard Judas, knowing what was in his heart, he said not to find fault with Mary. She had, whether she knew it or not, anointed Jesus for His coming death. This opportunity to express such sacrificial love would not always be available. With the poor, however, the opportunity will always be available to those who really want to care for them.

#### **Conclusion**

1. In our story, whose behavior was like a sweet smelling perfume? (Mary) Why? (Because her behavior was loving and full of sacrifice. With her action she showed that she loved people, even God, more than she loved truly expensive things.)

In our story, whose behavior was like the vinegar? (Judas) Why? (Because his stealing from the poor and his desire to get Mary's money showed that he loved things, really himself, more than people. His action was very unloving)

2. The eighth commandment tells us, "You shall not steal". And why does it tell us this? Because when we steal, or when we cheat someone, or when we grab for the only cookie on the plate, or when we sell our bike for more than its worth, it shows that we love things more than people. And that shows that selfishness controls our hearts. And that shows that we are separated from God, under His judgment, and in need of His salvation.

3. Aren't you glad that Jesus wasn't a thief? Aren't you glad that He didn't come to get all he could? Aren't you glad He loves people like you and me more than things; so much so that He was willing to give His life so that we might be forgiven of sin (of our selfishness) and be freed from its power.

If you are a sinner, if you have broken the eighth or any other commandment, you need to come to Jesus. Tell Him you have gone your own way and come under God's judgment. Tell Him that you have seen the selfishness of your heart. Then ask Him to come into your life, forgive your sins, and give you new life that will show itself in self-giving love. Jesus wants to come and live inside us and if He is there He will show He is there by making us a more loving person. This is something He wants to do; and only He can do it.

Let me put it another way. Being a taker instead of a giver shows there is something wrong in your heart. Jesus was a giver. He gave it all and if He comes to live inside you, you'll become a giver. Is Jesus in you changing you from a taker to a giver?

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 10**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verses for lesson 8 and 9. Recite these lessons as a group and then give several children a chance to recite them alone. Then take some time to review the first seven commandments in order. Challenge children to be able to recite the memory verses in order for each commandment. Be sure to leave some time for the new verse.

2. Explain the verse

***Exodus 20:15*** “*You shall not steal.*”

- ◆ What is this verse telling us not to do? (Steal)
- ◆ What does it mean “to steal”? (To take something from someone else without permission or in a dishonest or unlawful way.)
- ◆ If someone steals what does that tell us about his heart? (It is full of selfishness.)

3. Memorize the verse

Due to the shortness of this verse, no memory game will be provided.

**Lesson Review Question**

1. What did Mary do that showed that love filled her heart? (She poured very costly perfume over Jesus’ feet and wiped them with her hair.)
2. Why did Mary do this? (She greatly loved and respected the Lord for He had raised her brother from the dead.)
3. What did Judas do that showed that selfishness filled his heart? (He stole money from the fund to feed the poor. He criticized Mary for “wasting” her money on Jesus.)
4. What did Jesus do that showed love filled His heart? (He came to earth, took the form of a man, and died for us. He gave Himself up for us.)
5. When Jesus comes into your life what kind of a person does He want to make you? (He wants to make us loving. He wants to make us people who love Him and others more than we love things or ourselves.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Lesson Focus

**Text: 1 Kings 21:1-24**

**Question 11:** What does the ninth commandment tell me not to do in regards to the truth?

**Answer 11:** The ninth commandment tells me not to tell a lie about my neighbor.

**Objective:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand the unloving consequences that come from telling lies about others.
2. Confess his need of Christ to enable him to love others with his words.

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## Year 2 - Lesson 11 - Grades 1-2

### Introduction

1. What would it be like in a world where no one told the truth about one another?
  - Where your teacher told your parents that you never did your homework and were always goofing off, even though you had been a star student.
  - Where your friend told your baseball coach that you had never played baseball before (so he could get the better position), but you really had lots of experience.
  - Where a girl in class said your parents built your science project and not you (in order to influence the judge), but the truth was that you had built it.
  - Where your neighbor tells you to take your car for repairs to a certain man because you'll get the best deal, but the truth is he will rip you off.
2. Life in this kind of world would be very miserable. You would never know if you could trust what other people are saying. You would never know if people were trying to take advantage of you. Life, without truth-telling, is a very scary thought, isn't it?
3. Today in our Bible story we are going to tell you about a man and his wife who had others lie about another man. We'll see why they did it and what God thought about it.

### Body

#### 1. Background

Our story takes place long ago when Ahab and Jezebel were rulers in Israel. If you know anything about Ahab and Jezebel (especially Jezebel) you know they were very wicked people. Now Ahab had just been in a battle against a foreign king named Ben-hadad. God helped Ahab defeat Ben-hadad because he was boasting about his power. But during the battle Ahab failed to do away with Ben-hadad as God had desired, so the

prophet of God told Ahab that his life would be taken instead. Ahab went away feeling depressed.

## 2. Ahab wants Naboth's vineyard 21:1-4

Perhaps to try and get over his depression Ahab tried to think about other things. Perhaps as he was looking out his window he was reminded of that beautiful vineyard owned by Naboth that was right next to the palace. Thinking it would be nice to have that vineyard, Ahab went to Naboth and asked to buy it or trade it for another. Naboth refused to give the land that had been in his family for years. Again Ahab went away depressed. The Bible said he went and lay down, turned his face away and wouldn't eat food. (It sounds an awful lot like a spoiled child, don't you think?)

## 3. Jezebel's plan to obtain Naboth's vineyard 21:5-10

When his wife, Jezebel, saw him not eating and acting so upset she asked why. Ahab told her that Naboth refused to give him the land he wanted. Jezebel wouldn't stand for this. She asked Ahab, "Aren't you the king of Israel?", and told him to cheer up and eat because she would see to it that he received his vineyard.

Jezebel then set her plan in action. She wrote letters in Ahab's name to the leaders in the city where Naboth lived. In the letter she told the leaders to proclaim a fast, set Naboth in front of the people, have two (worthless) men bear false witness (tell lies about Naboth), and then take him out and stone him.

Do you see any problem with what Jezebel did? (Allow children to answer) She commanded men to break the ninth commandment - not to bear false witness, not to tell lies about another. Why did she have the men do this? Because her heart was full of selfishness. She wanted for Ahab and herself the vineyard that belonged to Naboth and she didn't care at all about what happened to Naboth. Was what she did a loving thing to do? Of course not. Whenever we tell lies about another we will do it not to show love for them, but to get something we want. We will do it for selfish purposes.

## 4. The city leaders follow Jezebel's orders 21: 11-16

When the men read the letter from Jezebel they set out immediately to follow its orders. They proclaimed a fast requiring the people to gather together. When Naboth arrived they set him in front of the people, as if he were on trial. Then two worthless men accused Naboth of cursing God and the King. Obviously anything Naboth said, if he even had an opportunity to say anything, made no difference for they took Naboth outside the city and stoned him to death. They then sent word to Jezebel that Naboth was dead and shortly thereafter when Ahab heard the news he went down to take ownership of the vineyard.

## 5. Elijah brings word of God's judgment on Ahab and Jezebel 21:17-24

Ahab was probably thinking that things were finally going great. He now had Naboth's vineyard and could forget about being upset. But he failed to realize something. Could he hide his sin from God? Could he encourage the bearing of false witness and the murder of Naboth without God's knowing? The answer is obviously "no".

Shortly thereafter God sent Elijah to Ahab. When Elijah saw Ahab he asked, "Have you murdered and taken possession?" Then Elijah pronounced God's judgment on Ahab,

Jezebel and his family. Elijah said because Ahab sold himself to do evil that God would put an end to his life, and his sons' lives and Jezebel's life. Some of the deaths would even be ugly because they had sinned so terribly and had caused the people of Israel to sin. Ahab's party was short lived.

## **Conclusion**

1. The ninth commandment tells us, "You shall not bear false witness". That means, in a court of law or anywhere in the world, it is wrong to tell a lie about another person. For when we tell lies about another ( a friend in our neighborhood, a boy at school, our moms and dads) it shows that selfishness fills our hearts and when we tell lies we are not showing love for the other person. In fact we often bring great harm to them.

2. Instead, God wants us to tell only the truth. God wants us to speak about one another in such a way as to make the other look better. God wants us to protect the reputation of each other. God wants us to be true friends to one another and to be the greatest allies or supports.

3. What about you? Do you speak the truth about others always? Do you ever say something only half true about a friend to gain some type of advantage? If you do, it shows that selfishness rules your heart and that you need to get right with God. Remember that's why God gave us the Ten Commandments – to show us our sinfulness and to lead us to Christ. When we come to Christ, He will come into our life, wipe away our sin and give us a new heart that will flow out in love for others. And out of that heart full of love will come words that are truthful and build up others.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 11**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 10. Give each child an opportunity to recite this lesson. When this has been completed begin work on lesson 11.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:16** *"You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.*

- ◆ What does this commandment tell us not to do? (Give false testimony against our neighbor)
- ◆ What is false testimony? (Basically it is saying something not true about another person)
- ◆ Why would someone say something not true about his neighbor? What might this show about his heart? (One might bear false testimony because of selfishness, or even hatred, dwelling in the heart.)

3. Memorize the verse

Fill in the blank - Write the complete verse on the board and recite it several times with the children. Next erase 3-4 words and recite the verse again. Replace the erased words and erase 3-4 new words and recite the verse again. Do this until all students have mastered the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. Why was Ahab so sad? (God, through His prophet, had told Ahab that he would be punished. Also Naboth had said that he would never sell his vineyard to Ahab.)
2. How did Ahab and Jezebel break the 9<sup>th</sup> commandment? (Though they did not directly break it themselves, they ordered two worthless men to bear false testimony against Naboth. Having done this they were just as guilty.)
3. What other commandments did Jezebel and Ahab break? (They murdered, stole, and coveted – commandments 6,8,10)
4. What did Ahab and Jezebel's behavior show about their hearts? (They were full of wickedness and selfishness.)
5. Why is it not right to bear false testimony? (It shows that we have selfishness in our hearts and it results in harm to another person.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Year 2 - Lesson 12 - Grades 1-2

### Lesson Focus

**Text:** Joshua 6:15-19, 7:1-26

**Question 12:** What does the 10th commandment tell me not to do?

**Answer 12:** The 10th commandment tells me not to covet anything that belongs to my neighbor.

**Objective:** By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to tell what the word covet means and give an example of someone coveting.
2. Confess a covetous heart, give God thanks for all He has given, and ask God for help to be content with what He chooses to give.

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### Introduction

1. This evening I want to give you a little treat. (Pass out one piece of candy to each child, except give one child a whole handful. Wait for the other children to notice this and make comment about it.)

2. Why are you so upset that one child gets more than you?

Whose candy was this in the first place? Is it not mine to give to whoever I want? Since it is my candy can't I give away as much candy to whomever I want?

Are you upset because you want what someone else has and you are not satisfied with what you have been given?

Do you know what the Bible calls wanting more or wanting what someone else has? Yes, it is called coveting.

3. Do you know this is exactly how things work with God? The fact is everything in the whole wide world is God's. He made all things and they belong to Him. Because he is a loving God He shares with us. Now to some people He gives a little. To others He may give much, but since everything belongs to Him, it is His right to give what He wants to give to each person.

Do you know everything you have comes from God? God gives you exactly what He wants you to have. Now when you look around and begin to want more than God wants you to have, then you are coveting. Maybe you look at your buddy's bicycle and you really, really want it badly, so much that it makes you almost want to take it from him. When you are not satisfied with what God has given to you and start craving for something more, then you are coveting. Isn't that what happened in the Garden of Eden?

4. Today we are going to look at a man who coveted. We are going to see what led to his coveting and what resulted from this sin. We will be looking into Joshua 6-7.

## **Body**

### 1. Background

Our story takes place after the people of Israel had been freed from their slavery in Egypt. They had made their way to the edge of the promised land, Canaan, went through the Jordan River and were in the process of destroying the mighty city of Jericho.

God's plan was for the people to walk around the city one time for 6 straight days. This the people had done. It was now the seventh day. On this day the Lord wanted them to walk around the city 7 times. After walking around 7 times they were to shout and the walls would fall in and the city would be theirs.

### 2. The ban described 6:15-19

So the people walked around the city 7 times. Before they shouted Joshua told them to remember that the city was under the ban. What that meant was that everything in the city, by the Lord's command, was either to be destroyed or if it was gold, silver, bronze or iron it was to be placed in the treasury of the Lord. Since this was the first city, the Lord wanted all either to be given to Him or destroyed. After all, it was all His anyway.

So the people shouted. The walls fell in and the people won a great victory that day. Or did they?

### 3. The defeat at Ai 7:1-15

The Bible tells us that a man named Achan went into the city after the walls had fallen and he took some of the things that were under the ban. Though no one else knew, God knew, and He was very angry with them, all on account of Achan. He would surely let them know that He was not pleased.

The next city for the people of Israel to conquer was Ai. This was a small city and because of this the spies who had been sent out thought it best to send only 2-3000 people. These they sent, confident that they would win another battle, but instead, 36 Israelites were killed and the people of Israel were chased away.

Joshua, their leader was very upset about this. He tore his clothes and fell down humbly before the Lord. He asked God why He even let them come this far. Surely it wasn't just to be defeated by this small city. Joshua feared that when other nations heard of this that they would come and wipe them out. Joshua asked how this would affect the honoring of God's name.

When the Lord heard this he told Joshua to rise up. Their defeat was due to sin in their land. The Lord told Joshua that someone had taken things under the ban and had hid them. As long as these things remained as they were, Israel would never have God's help in another battle. He told Joshua to find the one who had done this and to discipline him.

#### 4. Achan confesses and is disciplined 7:16-26

The next morning Joshua brought Israel tribe by tribe before him. By drawing lots he found out which tribe, which family, which household, and finally which man had done it. The one left with the “short straw” was Achan.

Joshua asked Achan to confess what he had done. Achan said that he had sinned. He saw a beautiful mantle (robe woven of gold and silk threads) and some gold and silver. When he saw it, he coveted; that is, he wanted more than what God wanted him to have. Remember, this was dedicated to the Lord. He then took it and hid it in his tent.

Note the steps Achan took to his sin: he saw, coveted, took and hid. Where should he have stopped his fall? When he saw he should have remembered God’s desire and His right to all things. He should have said I must be content with what I have. He should have turned and run away. He should have been thankful that God had so blessed His people with His presence.

We are tempted in the same way. Every day we see commercials on TV, billboards, and advertisements in the stores. We also see our friends with things we might think we need. When we are given presents we want more and aren’t thankful for all that is given to us. If we are not careful we can begin to covet and fall into sin. The consequences for Achan were terrible.

After Joshua heard Achan’s confession he had some men go to Achan’s tent and dig up the treasures. When they returned with them, Joshua took Achan and his family and all the goods he owned to a valley. There they were stoned and all the goods burned. The people of Israel were getting rid of the sin in their midst so that God would turn from His anger. Achan paid a huge price for his covetousness.

#### **Conclusion**

1. The 10<sup>th</sup> commandment tells us that we are not to covet our neighbor’s house, wife, servant, maid servant, donkey, ox, or anything that belongs to our neighbor. For when we do, we are saying to God that we want more than He chose to give us. When we do, we are forgetting that everything we have comes from a loving God. Our attitude should be one of great thankfulness. For we don’t deserve anything God gives to us. Wanting more or coveting only shows that we are ungrateful children.
2. Another reason coveting is not good is that God has already given us the greatest gift we could ever have. He has given us His Son to be our Lord and Savior. When we have Him we have everything. When we have Him we are truly satisfied. It is He whom our hearts truly desire. Nothing will satisfy us like Him. But when we covet we are saying Jesus is not enough; that we want more than Him.
3. The next time your eye catches something that looks really good, stop and remember that Jesus is your greatest treasure. If you have Him you have all you need. Thank God for what you have and then tell Him that you only want what His loving hand will provide. If you don’t, you may covet, take and hide like Achan did and bring God’s judgment upon yourself. Do you know Jesus Christ? Have you given Him your life? Have you come to know Him as your greatest treasure?

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 12**

1. Review

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 10-11. Allow several children a chance to recite these lessons alone and then recite them as a group. If time permits give several children a chance to recite all Ten Commandments from memory. Be sure to leave time for your new memory verse.

2. Explain the verse

**Exodus 20:17** *“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house... or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”*

- ◆ What does it mean to covet? (To desire something somebody else has. To want more than what God chooses to give us.)
- ◆ What are we not to covet? (We are not to covet anything that belongs to our neighbor. We should be content with what God chooses to give us.)
- ◆ What would you say about the heart of someone who covets? (It is full of selfishness and it is not thankful.)

3. Memorize the verse

Puzzle - Write the verse on an 8-1/2 X 11-1/2 piece of paper. Cut the paper into pieces forming a puzzle. Mix the pieces up and then have children put them in order. Then recite the verse together many times. Each time you recite the verse take away one piece of the puzzle. When all pieces have been taken children should have memorized the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. How did the people defeat the city of Jericho? (God told them to march around it for seven days, to shout, and then He would cause the walls to fall in.)
2. What did Joshua say the people should not do when they went in to conquer the city? (They should not take anything under the ban.)
3. Why was Israel defeated by Ai? (Because someone had coveted and taken things that were under the ban.)
4. What does it mean to covet? (To want more than God has chosen to give.)
5. How can we keep ourselves from coveting? (With God’s help we can learn to be grateful for all He has given, and ask Him to help us be content.)
6. What has God given us which is really all we need? (He has given us His Son, Jesus Christ.)

Exodus 20:17

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your neighbor's house  
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