

**The Ten Commandments  
Decoder**

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

X	G	V	A	C	U	J	N	O	D	Y	W	Z	S	M	L	P	E	I	T	B	R	H	F	K	Q
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

1. 19-10-9-16 \_\_\_\_\_
2. 8-4-15-18 \_\_\_\_\_
3. 14-4-21-21-4-20-23 \_\_\_\_\_
4. 23-9-8-9-22 \_\_\_\_\_
5. 24-4-20-23-18-22 \_\_\_\_\_
6. 15-9-20-23-18-22 \_\_\_\_\_
7. 15-6-22-10-18-22 \_\_\_\_\_
8. 4-10-6-16-20-18-22-11 \_\_\_\_\_
9. 14-20-18-4-16 \_\_\_\_\_
10. 5-9-3-18-20 \_\_\_\_\_

NAME	ADULTERY	COVET	FATHER	MOTHER
IDOL	SABBATH	MURDER	STEAL	HONOR

# WELCOME

Obeying God's Commandments  
(Exodus 20:1-17)

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Do you remember when you first started to learn how to colour? If you were like most children, you probably colored all over the page without staying in the lines. I imagine that some of your pictures looked a little messy.

As you got older, your pictures probably started to look a little neater. You began to stay in the lines and your colour choices were much better too.

These two types of pictures remind me of the way some people live their lives. God gave us the Ten Commandments to tell us the things that we should and should not do. (A bit like your neater pictures) Some people don't pay any attention to these guidelines that God has drawn for them. (A bit like your messy pictures.) They just do whatever they want to do; that's called sin. Often their choices are not very good. They colour outside the lines. They think their life is beautiful, but when God looks at it, He sees that it's just a big mess.

There are other people who read the Bible and follow God's rules. They try to stay within the guidelines that God has set. Oh, they may still get outside the lines at times; getting outside the lines is called sin. That is why we all need Jesus. None of us stay inside the lines 100% of the time.

Do you want your life to be like your neat picture? Or do you want it to look more like your messy picture?

God wants us to obey His Ten Commandments. The great news is we have a Saviour in Jesus who loves us even when our lives are messy. When we trust Him as Saviour He is our help and gives us strength to obey His laws. Let's ask God to help us obey Him.

**Let's Pray:** Dear Lord, help us to remember that You set boundaries for us. Help us to stay within those boundaries so that our lives will be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name, amen.



## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (EXODUS 19:20-20:17)



And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery" Exodus 20:1-2 (NIV).