



Watch the Bible story video or read all or parts of **Exodus 19–20** from the Bible.



Have you ever played a game with someone who added rules to the game or changed them as the game went on? Without knowing the rules, you can't know when you do something wrong or why you might get penalized. It's also not fair if the rules change and other players get a chance that you didn't get. It can be very frustrating not knowing the rules. You just wish you knew what is required in order to win the game.

God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments to help them know what is required for a person to be righteous. Everyone had the same commandments, and they didn't change. The first four commandments showed the Israelites what it meant to love God and how to have a right relationship with Him. The other six commandments taught the Israelites how to live with and love others.

God's rules are good and are meant to help us love Him, love others, and live a life that is righteous. There was one big problem though. None of the Israelites—and none of us for that matter—could ever perfectly follow those rules. The Bible is clear that we all sin and fall short of God's standard for holiness. Our obedience can't save us.

Instead, salvation is found in Jesus alone, the only perfectly righteous One. He takes away the sin of anyone who believes and welcomes him or her into God's family. To those who believe in Him, Jesus gives power through the Holy Spirit to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39).

God's law shows us what He requires. Our sin separates us from a holy God, but Jesus came to bring us back to God. When we trust in Jesus, He takes away our sin and gives us His perfect righteousness.

Pray: God, thank You for giving us the commandments to show us what it means to live a righteous life. We all sin and fail to live in perfect obedience, but You loved us and sent Jesus to bring us to You. We praise You for crediting His righteousness to all who believe in Him.



The key passage below is focused on at church. Consider talking about what this passage means and memorizing it as well.



Come, let's worship and bow down; let's kneel before the LORD our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the sheep under his care.

Psalm 95:6-7



Finish your family worship experience by playing the Key Passage song to worship and as a further way to memorize Scripture.