

# March 8 - Large Group Opening

## The Ten Commandments

Scripture Reference: Exodus 20:1–17

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### Large Group Opening

Welcome to the Large Group Opening for The Ten Commandments. Enjoy your time (about 10 minutes) with kids as you sing, learn, and pray together. Choose a song to get things started, move into the object lesson that introduces kids to the story, and finish up your time with a prayer.

### Spark Songs

#### Spark Resources

- Spark Song CD
- Spark Songbook

#### Supplies

- CD player
- World map or globe

Use one or more of the following Spark Songs during your Large Group Opening. Use them in the order that suits your group's size, format, and time frame.

**Go Tell It on the Mountain (Track 6, Songbook page 32):** Turn this popular Christmas song into an introduction for the day's lesson with these new verses.

**Go tell it on the mountain,  
Over the hills and everywhere,  
Go tell it on the mountain,  
That God loves everyone!**

**Moses went up on Sinai,  
To listen to God speak,  
Down came the Ten Commandments,  
God's love for all to seek.**

**(Repeat first verse)**

**Give Me Oil in My Lamp (Track 4, Songbook page 22):** Have kids help you create actions to reinforce the message of this song. For example, as you sing "give me oil in my lamp" kids may hold up a finger to symbolize their "inner lamp," then touch fingertips with each other to share the light of their faith.

**He's Got the Whole World in His Hands (Track 7, Songbook page 39):** Bring in a

world map or globe to illustrate God's worldwide, abundant love. Explain to your group that God has enough love to fill the whole world!

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## **Introduce the Story**

### **Spark Resources**

- None

### **Supplies**

- Chart paper
- Marker

**Hi, everyone! I'm glad to see you all today! I have a question to ask you. How many of you like following rules?** Wait for responses. **Why do think we have rules?** *(to keep everyone safe, so things are fair for people)* **Wouldn't it be more fun if we could all just do what we wanted to do?** Allow kids to respond.

**In the Bible, rules are very important. God gives Moses a set of rules that you've probably heard of as the Ten Commandments. Even though the Israelites would have rather just had fun without any rules, God cares for God's people and wants them to understand what it means to live together.**

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Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kq4h3Opy-Xc>

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**The Ten Commandments told the people how to honor God and how to live with each other. They are still very important to follow today. You'll learn more about these rules as you head off to your classes.**

**Before we go, though, we're going to make our own list of commandments for our Sunday School groups. You give me some ideas and I'll write them down on this chart paper. Think about rules that can help everyone feel happy, safe, and loved!** *(Answers will vary.)*

Talk about these questions?

- What are some rules you and your family have at home?
  - How can rules help us serve and love God?
  - Can you think of other rules in the Bible besides the Ten Commandments?
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## **Closing Prayer**

**Today, we'll do a prayer litany. I'll pray a line, then you respond back with "We thank you for the rules you have made."**

**Dear God,**

**Because they give us order and safety in our lives. . .** *We thank you for the rules you have made.*

**Because they draw us closer to you. . .** *We thank you for the rules you have made.*

**Because they teach us how to honor you. . .** *We thank you for the rules you have made.*

**Because they show the world we love you. . .** *We thank you for the rules you have made.*

**Amen.**