

The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

Scope and Sequence

- Target Grade: 1st–Adult
- Intended Use: Intergenerational
- Lessons: 13
- ESV



The Righteous Shall Live By Faith is an intergenerational study for children and adults on The Ten Commandments. The commandments are studied in their historical context, which serves as a framework to teach the underlying themes of law and grace.

The curriculum begins by introducing God as the LORD, who calls a people to Himself and sets them free from slavery. Each commandment is studied both specifically and generally as the themes of law and grace are discussed. Throughout the curriculum, man is shown as unable to keep the law of God, and Jesus is presented as the perfect law keeper and Savior of His people.

Each lesson incorporates a game, which helps students review and apply the key themes of each lesson. Each game session ends with a craft card that the student can use and take home. Throughout the curriculum, the teacher will be building a classroom mural using pieces from the Visuals Packet. This same mural is available as a Student Banner. The Family Devotional Guide enables families to build on each lesson at home through daily family devotions throughout the week.

Lesson 1: The LORD Your God

The curriculum begins by introducing students to God by first studying the prologue to the Ten Commandments as a revelation of God’s character. God is the LORD—the sovereign, self-sufficient, eternal, almighty, unchanging God—who calls His people to be in relationship with Him. God is the greatest authority who requires obedience to His commands and is the Liberator who frees His people from bondage.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:2

Lesson 2: No Other Gods

God is greater than all other gods, and He commands us to worship Him alone. Students will see that all people worship someone or something. Idolatry is worshiping and serving created things rather than the Creator. The lesson also demonstrates that good desires become idols when they occupy too important a position in our hearts.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:3

Lesson 3: Any Likeness of Anything

In the Second Commandment, all images—whether physical or mental—that lead to false worship or false ideas of God are prohibited. God cannot be fashioned according to our understanding—either physically or in thoughts. Students will see that God is a jealous God and a God of judgment, but He is also a God of great mercy.

Key Verses: Exodus 20:4-6

Lesson 4: The Name of the LORD

In this lesson, students focus directly on the name of the LORD and learn that dishonoring God's name is prohibited. There are many ways to dishonor God's name. Through the study, they will see that God protects His name and learn why it is to be honored and respected.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:7

Lesson 5: The Sabbath

As they study the Sabbath this lesson, students learn that it is a gift from God to us for our mental, physical, and spiritual refreshment. They will learn that rest from labor acknowledges faith in God as our Provider and that observing the Sabbath day requires faith. Rest from working for our salvation acknowledges faith in the saving work of Jesus.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:8

Lesson 6: Honoring Your Father and Your Mother

To honor means to obey, respect, support, and feel gratitude toward someone or something. Disrespect for superiors and elders is prohibited. This lesson teaches that disobedience to those in authority is prohibited unless their request would cause you to sin. Students examine Bible passages with examples of what it means to honor those in authority, why it is important, and the consequences of not doing so.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:12

Lesson 7: Murder

In this lesson, students see that murder is prohibited. While the act of murder is discussed, the lesson also teaches that all wrong attitudes of the heart that could lead to murder are prohibited including anger, bitterness, resentment, envy, hatred, and revenge.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:13

Lesson 8: Adultery

In looking at the Seventh Commandment, students see that God is faithful to His commitment to His covenant people and that He serves as our example in covenant relationships. Therefore, He wills the faithful commitment between marriage partners. Jesus taught that sinful actions start with sinful heart attitudes and warned about impure heart attitudes.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:14

Lesson 9: Stealing

The Eighth Commandment teaches that stealing—in any form—is forbidden. The root of stealing comes from heart issues such as greed, pride, envy and, ultimately, from unbelief in God. Families will see that because God has given man life and breath and all things, stealing is distrusting God's wisdom and authority.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:15

Lesson 10: False Witness

As students examine the Ninth Commandment, they will not only learn that speaking evil against another is forbidden and that God hates lies, but they will also learn that our speech should be truthful and loving. Students will consider several Bible passages as they explore what it means to bear false witness.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:16

Lesson 11: Coveting

The Tenth Commandment forbids coveting. God is our greatest treasure! The lesson demonstrates that, by forbidding coveting, God is claiming authority over our hearts. We sin in our thoughts and imaginations, not only in our actions. The lesson shows that loving God produces the contentment that cures coveting.

Key Verse: Exodus 20:17

Lesson 12: The Law

God's moral law is perfect, good, eternal, and unchanging. Through the law comes the knowledge of sin. Students will see that the law is written on the conscience of all men; all men know what is right. But every person is a hopeless sinner incapable of keeping God's law of perfect righteousness.

Key Verse: Romans 8:7

Lesson 13: Grace

The curriculum ends by revealing the gift of grace. This lesson emphasizes that faith in Jesus as our Mediator and Perfect Righteousness is the only means of salvation and the fulfillment of God's law. The One who asks for perfect law-keeping is the same One who removes the heart of stone and gives us a new heart of flesh. When God changes our hearts, we will love His commands and be eager to follow them.

Key Verse: Ezekiel 36:26

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