

Lesson 2: Love God First

Lesson Scriptures: Matt. 22: 34-38

Main Emphasis: To learn that above all the many rules given by God, the greatest command is to love God / Jesus first.

Memory Verse: Matt. 22:37

Specific Objectives: At the end of the class, the pupils must be able to:

1. Tell how many books were written by Moses;
2. Tell the name given to the 5 books of Moses.
3. Tell what the 5 books of Moses were all about;
4. (optional) tell how many commandments/ laws/ rules were given by God to Moses;
5. (optional) tell how many commandments/ laws/ rules were said to be contained in the Torah ;
6. Tell what Jesus taught us to be the greatest commandment.

Introduction:

Brief Intro: God Gave His Rules for His People

(Show a picture here-)

When God called Moses to meet with HIM at Mt. Sinai, Moses received the 10 commandments to be taught to God's People to follow.

(show another picture)

But the Israelites could not follow the commandments of God., and they sinned against God many times.

(picture showing the 5 scrolls/ books with Moses writings as dictated by God)

All the stories about God's chosen people(Israelites) were told in all the five books that Moses wrote (called TORAH) . All in all Moses wrote many rules, really many and was said to be 613.

Bible Story: (with picture)

*Matthew 22:34-38

After a very, very long time "experts " of the Torah called the Pharisees met with Jesus and tested Jesus how much HE knows about the commandments. The Pharisees tested Jesus, and asked HiM "What is the greatest commandment of all?" And Jesus answered: "Love God with all your heart , with all your mind and with all your strength."

****Memory Verse with action**

Life Application:

Jesus knows that not all of us can obey all the many rules but you can show you love God when you are ready to listen to what the Bible tells us .

Show you love God, by listening well to what we -your teachers , teach and tell you about the Bible . The Bible is God's Book , this book is about JESUS.

So today, we learned to love God, to love Jesus first

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And so today.. let us remember the letter " J"! In our lesson, J means "JESUS first!"

(place the large printed letter J on the wall or board.)

Craft: A really large letter J with pictures of smiling or happy kids faces



I suggest, put a "Jesus image" on top of the letter

Teachers, you can create your own kids collage with letter J shape

For Teachers Info:

Voice Message from Teacher Susan

1. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HQTRbdx1c_9MQg8Y20amqNUvewu8ikZ8/view?usp=drive_link
2. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B2RkGwjyPb2Xo1jlsKKuhB4H-azl407V/view?usp=drive_link

The Purpose of the Old Testament Law of Moses in the Bible

Are the 10 Commandments the only commandments in the Torah?

The most well-known of these laws are the Ten Commandments, but the Torah contains a total of 613 commandments or mitzvah covering many aspects of daily life, including family, personal hygiene and diet.



Biblically speaking, whether or not 613 is the correct count is not that important. The [purpose of the Law](#) was to point us to Christ. [Galatians 3:24](#) says, "Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith" (NKJV). No one can perfectly obey all the commandments, no matter how many or few there are ([Ecclesiastes 7:20](#); [Romans 3:23](#)). In fact, no one can even perfectly obey the Ten Commandments. The Law makes our sinfulness evident ([Romans 7:7](#)). God gave the Law to define sin and demonstrate our need for a Savior. Jesus is the only one who has perfectly obeyed the Law. Through His life, death, and resurrection, He fulfilled all of God's righteous commands ([Matthew 5:17-18](#)).