The 10 Best Ways to Live

Before you start you will need to cut out the 10 tablets.

Previous items needed: Lenten Puzzle, Purple underlay, road, & Mount Sinai backdrop (“Get Ready to Worship Card”)

Come close to this story. The season of Lent is the time when we prepare for Easter. Purple is the color of Lent.

Place the purple felt underlay.
Place background of Mount Sinai in the box lid and set at the left end of the purple underlay up against box. Unroll the road on the underlay going towards Mt. Sinai.

This is a story of Moses.
Place Moses on the beginning of the road.

Once upon a time, a long time ago, God gave people rules to follow. Some people call them just good ways to live. They were meant to help everyone enjoy life with God and each other.

Pass out the 10 rules to each person.

The first rule, or best way to live, was (and still is) to make sure that we love God.

Place the 1st rule on the road between Moses & Mount Sinai.

In fact, the second rule reminds us that we should love God before anything else – even food! God is sacred (extra special) and God should be treated and talked about with respect. That is the third rule.

Place the 2nd and 3rd rules on the road next to the 1st.

The fourth reminds us that God thinks we are sacred and wants to spend time with us.

Place the 4th rule on the road next to the 3rd.

Let’s pause and remember these first four rules. They are about us and God.

Place the 1st rule “Love God” above the other three.

The other rules remind us that God loves everyone, and we should try to love and be kind to others too. Rule number five says we should love the adults who love us. (Especially the ones that take care of us.)

Place the 5th rule next to the 4th.

Rule number six says we should not hurt one another with violence.

Place the 6th rule next to the 5th.

Number seven says that we should not be selfish and steal others friends and loved ones. People who are married should be extra good to one another.

Place the 7th rule next to the 6th.

We should not tell lies is number eight. We should not take and want things that are not ours covers rules nine and ten.

Place the 8th, 9th, and 10th rule next to the 7th.

Let’s pause and remember these last six rules.

Slowly place the “Love Others” cutout above the last 6 rules.
Place the “God Loves You” cutout below all of the rules.
Pause and sit in silence before starting the questions.
Wondering with God’s Story

I wonder...
why we need rules? are there other rules?
if those rules matter?
what are the best ways to live?
what are the best ways to love God?
... Best ways to love others?

Working with God’s Story

1) Have each person retell the story without reading the words. Just use items.

2) Find the story in your Bible and highlight it. You can also look in a Storybook Bible or online.

3) Ask the wondering questions more than once. Dinner? Car? Bedtime?

Check the “Weekly Faith FITness Plan” card.

THREE BIG words!
Talk about some of the big faith words, look them up! Make them a part of your lives!

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Exodus 20:1-3
(Common English Version)

Then God spoke all these words:
I am the LORD your God who brought you out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.
You must have no other gods before me.

Ministries Across Generations
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Disciples Home Missions
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
This week you have two of the same piece. One is to place on the section of the puzzle above, and the other is to use while telling the story.

God gave these 10 rules, or commandments, to Moses. When Jesus was a kid he also had to learn these rules. When he grew up, he talked about why these were the best ways to live. He said these are the best ways to live because they remind all of us how love God & love one another.

Family Prayer
There are so many ways to pray. This week’s prayer challenge is to write a family prayer telling God why we love God!

Dear God, we love you.
We try to show our love for you by... 

_________________________________________
_________________________________________
_________________________________________
_________________________________________

Thank you for your love! Amen.
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God ♡ You!

2. Love God before anything else!

3. Talk about God with respect.

4. Take special time with God. Sabbath.

5. Love adults who love us!

6. Do not hurt one another with violence.

7. Do not be selfish & steal others friends or loved ones.

8. Do not lie.

9. Do not take things that are not ours.

10. Do not want things that are not ours.

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