



God Gives the Ten Commandments

This story is based on Exodus 20:1-17.

Moses called to the people, “Come here. God has some special rules because He loves us all so much.”

One rule was to love God more than anything else.

Another rule was to work for six days and worship God on the seventh day.

God gave the people rules so they would get along better. God said the people should not lie or say bad things

about each other.

Another one of God’s rules told the children to love their parents. The children showed their love by helping their mothers and fathers. The children knew that God gave them the special rules because He loved them all so much. (*Hug selves.*)

God’s rules are in the Bible. God gives us rules because He loves us all so much.

God Gives Us Rules

Bible Truth: God gives us rules.

Tiana and Kiara played outside. They played tag and hide-and-go-seek. They laughed and ran around the yard. They ran a little too far.

"Tiana and Kiara," called Tiana's mom. "Don't go near the street. You can only play in the area where you will be safe.

"But Mom, we want to play over there," said Tiana.

"I'm sorry but those are the rules," Mom said. "Why don't you girls come and sit down and take a rest."

Tiana fixed Kiara's hair.

"Why do we have rules?" Kiara asked.

"Rules keep you safe," said Mom. "God wants you to obey your parents. It's one of God's rules for us."

"We learned about God's rules, the Ten Commandments, in Sunday school," Tiana said.

"I have to obey God's rules too," Mom said.

"You do?" asked Tiana and Kiara.

"Yes, God wants parents and children to obey His rules," said Mom.

"Let's go play where it's safe," said Kiara.

"We'll obey the rules this time, Mom!" said Tiana.



Bible Memory Verse

God is love. 1 John 4:8

Family Time Play the following game with your child to reinforce God's rules and to give a reason for some of life's many dos and don'ts. Draw a happy face on one side of a paper plate and a sad face on the other. Each time you name something God wants us to do, have your child show the happy face. If you name something God doesn't want us to do, have your child show the sad face. You may read the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:1-17 as a guide. Say the memory verse with your child.