

### Put God First – No other god but the One True God



MEMORY VERSE: “Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” Matthew 22:37



#### Exodus 20:1-3 The Lord Your God

The Ten Commandments are how God tells His people (the Israelites) to live after He rescues them from being slaves in Egypt. He writes these on stone and gives them to Moses on a mountain to help His people live the way He wants them to live. God knew that we could not keep them perfectly, but He gave them to us to help us lead our best lives with regard to our relationship with Him and our relationship with each other.

1. Read Exodus 20: 1-2. What does it mean that He is your God?

2. Write the First Commandment God gave His people. v. 3

3. What does this commandment mean?



#### Matthew 22:37-40 Love The Lord Your God

4. How did Jesus summarize the best way for us to live? Matthew 22:37-38.

5. What do you think it looks like to love God with all your heart? Soul? Mind?

6. Verse 38 says this is the greatest commandment. Why do you think that is?



## Exodus 20:1-3 Other gods

7. See the definition of “other gods.” Is there anything in your life that you treat more important than God?
8. Why do you think God wants to be put first in our lives? What do you learn from these verses:  
Matthew 6:33  
  
Matthew 6:24a
9. Circle the things that can help you keep God number one in your life.  
List other ways you can keep God has your higheest priority.  
thinking about God      talking to God      reading the Bible
10. What is one thing you can change this week to “put God first?”

### BELIEVE THE TRUTH

God’s very first commandment to His people is to have no other God but Him. And later the Bible tells us the most important thing we can do is love God with all our heart, soul, and mind. When we follow other gods or get distracted by things that take our eyes off of God, we will never be satisfied and our lives are harder. But when we follow God and live in a way that honors Him, we will be blessed and He will meet every other need that we have.

### PRAY THE TRUTH

Dear God, You are the one and only God! Thank you for giving us the Ten Commandments to show us the right way to live. Help me know you better so that I may become more like You and so that others may see You in me.  
In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.

### WALK IN TRUTH



What are some qualities of the one true God that the “other gods” do not have?

## Various References (NLT)

Exodus 20:1-3:

1 Then God gave the people all these instructions:

2 “I am the Lord your God, who rescued you from the land of Egypt, the place of your slavery. 3 “You must not have any other god but me.”

Matthew 22:37-40:

37 Jesus replied, “‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

**Other gods:** can be anything—possessions, desires, goals, people and even self (pride)—that we treat as more important than God.

Matthew 6:33:

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

Matthew 6:24a:

“No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other.”

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