

Sunday School Family Sheet: Law and Sin

Sunday, January 31, 2021

This sheet is for an adult member of the home to use as a guide for discussing the Sunday School Bible lesson with children.

For this lesson: You will need either:
1) a Bible, or
2) 365 Bible Stories and Prayers
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(Call the church office 9715-848-7286 for help getting one)

1. **Read and Talk.** Read aloud either Exodus 20 and 32:1-26, and 34:1-4, or pp. 76-80 in 365 Bible Stories and Prayers. Before reading aloud, share the following: “Let’s take a moment and remember how God saved the people of Israel from Egypt. He sent great disasters, or plagues, that forced the ruler of Egypt, Pharaoh, to let the people of Israel go. Now we’re going to learn about some things that happened after God’s people left Egypt and camped in the desert.” Then ask the children to keep these questions in mind as you read. *After reading, go over the answers and guide them towards the answers here:*
 - a. God gave His people special laws. What are these laws called? *(The Ten Commandments)*
 - b. What were some of these commandments? *(Possible answers include any of the Ten Commandments listed in the reading. If they don’t remember any, read them again.)*
 - c. Did the people of Israel always worship God, or did they sometimes worship a false god? *(They did not always worship God. They once worshiped the golden calf.)*
 - d. What did God do when the people did not follow His special laws? *(He was angry, and He showed them what they did wrong. He also continued to love them and teach them His law.)*
2. **Teach.** After you’ve talked a bit, share these or similar thoughts: God’s special laws, or *Ten Commandments*, show us what kind of people God wants us to be and how He wants us to live. However, we have a problem called *sin*. Everyone say that word with me: *sin*. Sin is our failure to be the kind of people God wants us to be. We *sin* whenever we break God’s *commandments*. But because God loves us, He has given us His *commandments* so that we can realize our sins, say we’re sorry, and try to do better. He never abandons us because of our sin, but works to save and help us.
3. **Pray.** Have the children cross themselves and say, “In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.” Also, lead them in this prayer: “O God, You are perfect and good, and You want me to be like You. I am sorry that I sin and break Your law, but I am also thankful that You forgive and love me; in Jesus’ name. Amen”