Lesson 8 The Ten Commandments

Pictures 9, 10



Aim

To teach God's commands and show how they can be obeyed today.

Teacher Preparation: Ask God to help you prepare the lesson. Then read and study Deuteronomy 5:1-22 and the lesson plan.

Memory Verse: Deut. 5:16

Respect your father and your mother, as I the Lord your God command you, so that all may go well with you.

Lesson Plan

Introduction

Show picture 9.

Ask questions which review last week's lesson. For example:

Where did Moses go?

Who did he talk to?

What did God give him?

Why was a fence built round the mountain?

Review last week's memory verse.



Main Points of Lesson

1. *Show picture 10*. Moses brought God's commandments to the people. The commandments told the people how God wanted them to live. The pictures tell us now how God wants us to live to please him. It's the best way to live.

2. *Point to first picture*. What are the people doing? God wants us to worship him only. There is no other God. These idols are not alive. What do people today think is more important than God? Ask the children for suggestions. They may say: good food, money, a good job. These are all good but will not bring happiness if put before God.

3. *Point to second picture*. God wants us to keep one day especially for him. What should we do on it?

4. *Third picture*. God wants us to respect parents. How can we do this? The children could act how they do this.

Teach Memory Verse

5. *Fourth picture.* Do not murder. If there is time go over the story of Cain and Abel. Was Cain happy when he killed his brother? Did it solve his problem?

6. *Fifth picture.* Do not take someone else's wife. This does not make a happy family. Be faithful in marriage.

7. *Sixth picture.* What is the man doing? He is a thief. God says, "Do not steal." This could be acted.

There are no pictures relating to commandments 9, 10 but God wants us not to speak falsely or tell lies and not to covet or want what others have.

Review

Briefly go over the lesson emphasising that Commandments 1- 4 teach us how to love God and Commandments 5-10 how to love others and that these Commandments God gave to Moses are the best way for us to live now. But we need God's help to be obedient children.

Our Response to the Lesson

The class could be divided into groups and each one given a different commandment to act out. If these are well rehearsed they could be used in the church service or at a tea party for parents.