

No Other Gods

A 5-Part Bible Study on the First Commandment

Each part takes 20 to 30 minutes. Read every passage in your own Bible, write your answer on the lines, and then compare with the answer key at the end. Use it for personal study, Sabbath School, or family worship.

MEMORY VERSE

“Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.”

MATTHEW 4:10

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BEFORE YOU BEGIN: MY PRAYER FOR THIS STUDY



Rescued first

1. Read **Exodus 20:1-2**. What two things does God say about Himself before giving any command?

2. Read **Exodus 19:4-6**. What had God already done for Israel before asking them to obey?

3. Read **Colossians 1:13** and **Romans 11:17-24**. How does the Exodus story apply to Christians today?

4. Read **Mark 12:29-30**. Which commandment did Jesus call first, and who did He say it was for?

5. *Reflect*: What has God brought you out of? Write it down as your own “Egypt.”

MY NOTES ON PART 1



Before My face

6. The Hebrew for “before me” means “before my face.” Read **Psalm 139:7–10**. Is there anywhere another god could sit “out of God’s sight”?

7. Read **Isaiah 44:6–8** and **Isaiah 45:21–22**. What does God say about the existence of other gods?

8. Read **1 Corinthians 8:4–6** and **1 Corinthians 10:19–20**. How can Paul say an idol “is nothing” and also that idol worship involves demons?

9. Read **Acts 17:22–23**. Why do you think the Athenians built an altar “to the unknown god”?

MY NOTES ON PART 2

PART 3

Worship the Creator

10. Read **Psalm 96:5** and **Revelation 4:11**. What reason does the Bible give for worshiping God?

11. Write out **Exodus 20:11** and **Revelation 14:7** side by side. Circle the words they share.

EXODUS 20:11

REVELATION 14:7

12. Why might the Sabbath, the weekly sign of the Creator, matter in a final conflict over worship?

MY NOTES ON PART 3

The battle over worship

13. Read **Isaiah 14:12-14**. What did Lucifer want?

14. Read **Genesis 3:4-5**. What did the serpent promise Eve?

15. Read **Matthew 4:8-10**, then **Deuteronomy 6:13**. What did Satan ask Jesus for, and how did Jesus answer?

16. Read **Revelation 13:8, 15** and **Revelation 14:7, 9-12**. What choice will the whole world face?

MY NOTES ON PART 4



Modern gods

17. Match each passage to the “god” it warns about: *self, money, a god of our own design, the spirits of the dead.*

PASSAGE	WHAT IT WARNS ABOUT
2 Timothy 3:2-4	
Matthew 6:24	
Psalms 50:21	
Deuteronomy 18:10-12	

18. Read **Ecclesiastes 9:5-6** and **Isaiah 8:19-20**. If the dead know nothing, who might be behind spirits claiming to be the dead?

19. Read **Matthew 6:21, 33**. *Reflect:* What competes for first place in your time, money, or trust? What is one step you can take this week?

MY NOTES ON PART 5



Hard questions for discussion

- A.** Jesus accepted worship, but angels and apostles refused it (**Matthew 14:33; Revelation 19:10; Acts 10:25-26**). What does that tell us about who Jesus is?

- B.** If someone sincerely worships God with a mistaken picture of Him, how does God treat that person? Read **Acts 17:30** and **James 4:17**.

- C.** Can something good, like family or ministry, become an idol? How would you know?

- D.** Why do you think God put this commandment first instead of last?

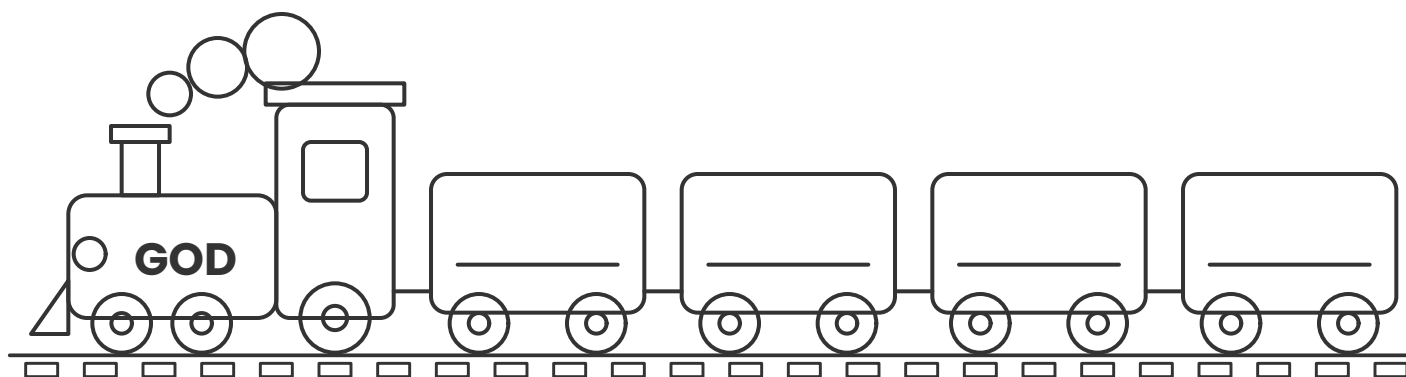
GROUP DISCUSSION NOTES

What goes first?

Build a train together with toys, cups, or boxes. The engine at the very front is labeled “**God.**” Label the cars behind it with things your child loves: family, friends, toys, games, food.

1. Line up the train with the God engine in front. Talk about how the engine goes first and leads the way, and every car follows it. God goes first in our lives, and all the good things He gives us follow Him.
2. Take the engine away and try to move the cars. Without an engine, the train has nothing to lead it. Put God back in front, where He belongs.
3. Read **Exodus 20:3** and **Matthew 22:37** together.
4. Ask: “What’s one thing that sometimes tries to go first instead of God?”
5. Pray together, thanking God for each good thing and asking Him to stay first.

Color the train and write one thing you love on each car. God goes first!



WHAT MY FAMILY SAID

First place

Everyone puts something first, whether they mean to or not. The first commandment asks a simple question: who gets first place in your life? Work through this on your own or with a friend, then talk it over with a parent or mentor.

OBSERVE

Y1. Read **Exodus 20:1–3**. What had God already done for Israel before He gave this command? Why does that order matter?

Y2. Read **Matthew 4:8–10**. Satan offered Jesus everything. What did he ask for in return, and how did Jesus answer?

INTERPRET

Y3. Read **Matthew 6:24**. Why can't anyone serve two masters? What could that look like for someone your age?

Y4. Read **Mark 12:29–30**. What would loving God with your heart, soul, mind, and strength look like on a normal school day?



- Y5.** Read **Daniel 1:8**. Daniel was a teenager far from home. How did he keep God first before anyone even tested him?

APPLY

- Y6.** Read **Matthew 6:33**. List what fills a normal week for you: school, friends, sports, games, music, and more. Which ones compete with God for first place?

- Y7.** Good things like friends, sports, or grades can quietly move into first place. How can you tell when that's happening?

THIS WEEK'S CHALLENGE

Pick one and check it off when you're done.

- ☐ Memorize **Matthew 4:10** and say it to someone at home.
- ☐ Give God the first part of each day by praying or reading the Bible before anything else.
- ☐ Write **Matthew 6:33** somewhere you'll see it every day.
- ☐ Ask a parent or mentor: "How do you keep God first when life gets busy?"

MY THOUGHTS / QUESTIONS I STILL HAVE



All the verses: the one true God

Look up each passage and note one thing it teaches about God.

THEME	PASSAGES	MY NOTES
No other God exists	Deuteronomy 4:35-39; Deuteronomy 6:4; Deuteronomy 32:39; 2 Samuel 7:22; 1 Kings 8:60; 1 Chronicles 17:20; Psalm 18:31; Psalm 86:10	
The prophets' witness	Isaiah 37:16-20; Isaiah 43:10-11; Isaiah 44:6-8; Isaiah 45:21; Isaiah 46:9; Hosea 13:4; Joel 2:27; Zechariah 14:9	
God alone as Creator	2 Kings 19:15; Nehemiah 9:6; Psalm 96:5; Jeremiah 10:10-12; Revelation 4:11	
A foreigner's confession	2 Kings 5:15	
Jesus and the apostles	Mark 12:29-34; John 17:3; Romans 3:30; 1 Corinthians 8:4-6; Galatians 3:20; Ephesians 4:6; 1 Timothy 1:17; 1 Timothy 2:5; James 2:19	
The final call	Revelation 14:6-12	

Answer key

PART 1

1. He is the LORD their God, and He brought them out of slavery in Egypt.
2. He carried them “on eagles’ wings” out of Egypt and brought them to Himself.
3. God rescues believers from the power of darkness and brings them into His people, just as He rescued Israel.
4. Loving the one God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength. Jesus gave it to everyone listening, not only Israel.
5. *Personal answer.*

PART 2

6. No. God is everywhere, so no rival can hide from His presence.
7. There is no God besides Him. He alone is God and Savior.
8. Idols have no divine power, but demons work behind false worship.
9. They feared offending a god they didn’t know, showing uncertainty about the divine.

PART 3

10. He created all things.
11. Both name heaven, earth, and the sea: the Creator who made them.
12. The Sabbath points to the Creator every week, so it marks whom we worship.

PART 4

13. To be like the Most High and take God’s place.
14. That she would not die and would be “as gods.”
15. Satan asked Jesus to worship him. Jesus quoted the first commandment: worship God only.
16. Whether to worship the beast and its image or the Creator.

PART 5

17. Self (2 Timothy 3:2-4); money (Matthew 6:24); a god of our own design (Psalm 50:21); the spirits of the dead (Deuteronomy 18:10-12).
18. Deceiving spirits, not the dead themselves.
19. *Personal answer.*

YOUTH STUDY

- Y1. He brought them out of slavery in Egypt. God rescued them first, so obeying Him is a response to His love, not a way to earn it.
- Y2. Satan asked Jesus to bow down and worship him. Jesus answered with Scripture: worship God and serve Him only.
- Y3. One master will always win your loyalty over the other. *Personal application.*
- Y4. *Personal answer.*

Y7. *Personal answer.*