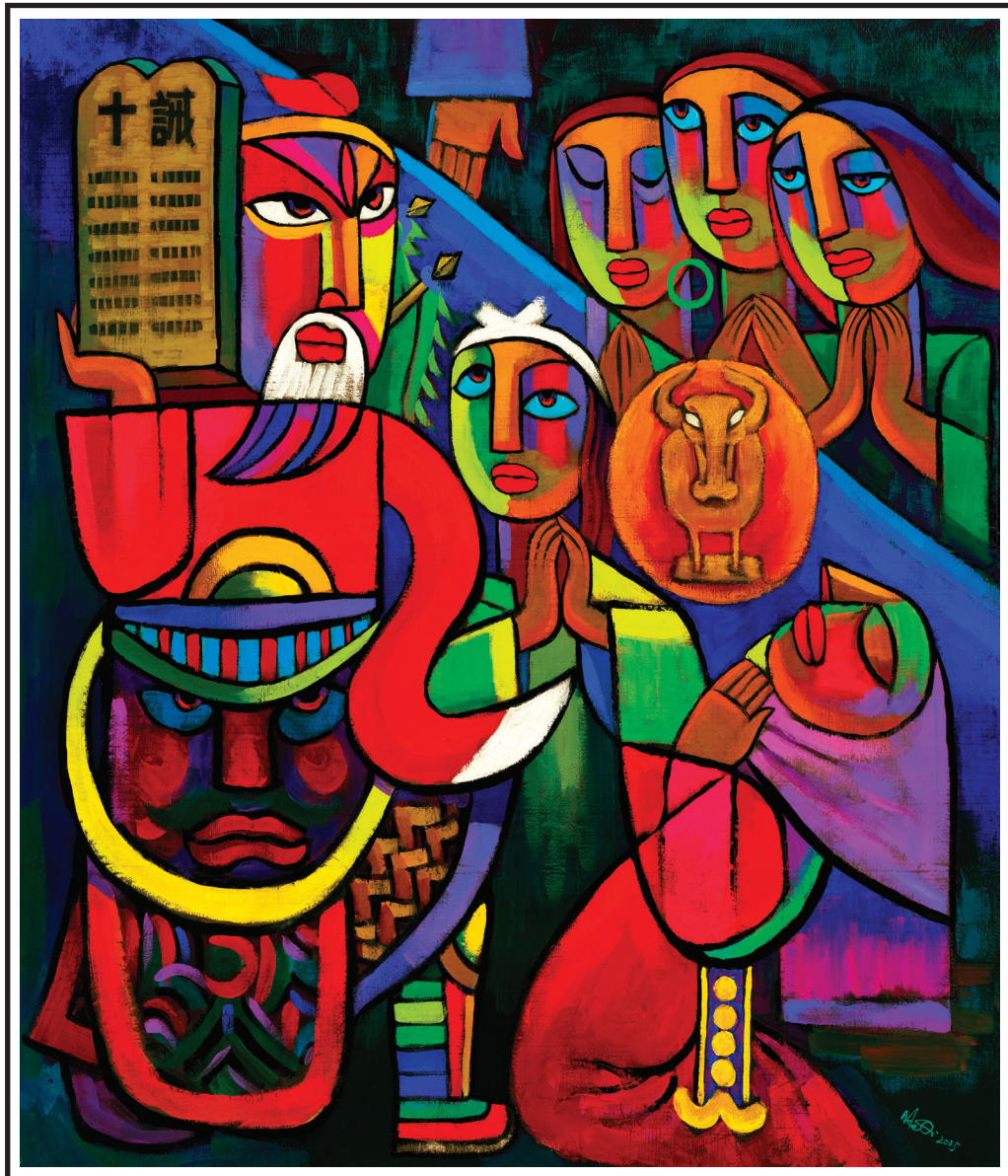


✦ GODS AND IDOLS ✦



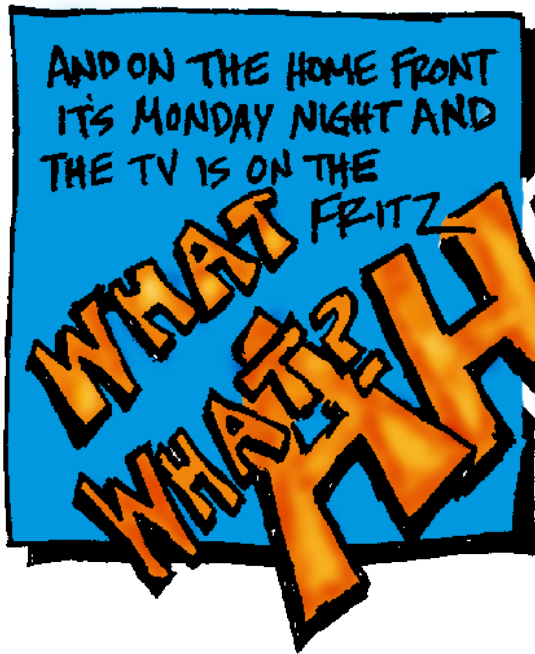
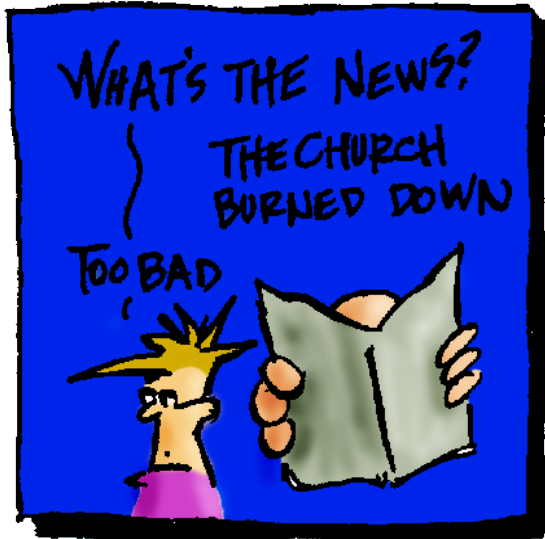
“I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.”

– EXODUS 20:2-4

TEN COMMANDMENTS 1

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LIVING FAITH SERIES



GODS AND IDOLS

THE FAITH 5

SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS



“THE TEN
COMMANDMENTS”
by Dr. He Qi
(www.heqigallery.com)

THEME VERSE

I AM THE LORD
YOUR GOD, WHO
BROUGHT YOU OUT
OF THE LAND OF
EGYPT, OUT OF THE
HOUSE OF SLAVERY;
YOU SHALL HAVE
NO OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME. YOU
SHALL NOT MAKE
FOR YOURSELF AN
IDOL, WHETHER
IN THE FORM OF
ANYTHING THAT IS
IN HEAVEN ABOVE,
OR THAT IS ON THE
EARTH BEneath,
OR THAT IS IN THE
WATER UNDER
THE EARTH.

— EXODUS 20:2-4



SHARE your highs and lows of the week one-on-one with another person. Listen carefully and record their thoughts in the space below. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows with the group.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ and highlight the theme verse in your Bible.



TALK *about how today's verse relates to your highs and lows. Then choose from the options below and have some fun digging deeper into the theme together. Take turns leading this.*

✦ ART ATTACK & MINDZEYE GALLERY

*What do you see in today's theme art or your own drawings?
How do the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
How do they relate to your highs and lows?*

✦ ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

A teen spends five hours a night on the Internet chatting, playing games, and instant messaging. Her homework, chores, family time, and sleep suffer. Her grades slip because she isn't handing in her assignments. She doesn't even have five minutes a night to do Highs & Lows with her family. Sunday morning arrives and she is too tired to go to church. You are her parent. What do you say?

✦ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Share your thoughts on the questions below:

1. Where do you spend most of your extra:

Time:

Money:

Energy:

2. When do good things (like sports, relationships, grades) become gods? How can you keep this from happening?

3. Why do you think God gave the "no other gods" command first?

✦ QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation on the right and share why you chose it.

QUOTATIONS TO CHEW ON

AS LONG AS YOU SET YOURSELF UP AS A LITTLE GOD TO WHICH YOU MUST BE LOYAL, HOW CAN YOU HOPE TO FIND INWARD PEACE?

A.W. TOZER

GOD DIDN'T CALL THEM THE "TEN SUGGESTIONS."

TED KOPPEL

I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED IF THERE WAS A GOD. AND NOW I KNOW THERE IS—AND IT'S ME.

HOMER SIMPSON

THE GOOD LORD SET DEFINITE LIMITS ON A PERSON'S WISDOM, BUT SET NO LIMITS ON HIS STUPIDITY—AND THAT'S JUST NOT FAIR.

KONRAD ADENAUER



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TC01 @ www.faithink.com



CATECHISM CONNECTION

Go over Questions 1-23 (pg 54-64) in the Small Catechism and discuss.

Open up your catechism to help you answer the following questions.

1. Why should we worship only the triune God?
2. How might keeping the First Commandment change your relationship with your family, friends, and others?
3. Reflect on the good things God has brought to you life. Comment about the type of Christian you desire to be.
4. A philosopher once wrote, "Tell me to what you pay attention, and I will tell you who you are." Agree or disagree? Why?
5. The First Commandment, Martin Luther said, is the very highest, and best from which all others must proceed. What did he mean? In what ways does the First Commandment "set the tone" for the other commandments?
6. Fear. Love. Trust. What do these words mean for your life as you live in Christ's forgiveness?



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

God's Word can be divided into either Law or Gospel. We need to examine the words of the Bible to find these divisions. Using the chart below identify if the following verses are *Law* or *Gospel*? Discuss why?

Law		Gospel
<i>You</i>	Subject/Doer	<i>Triune God</i>
<i>Command</i>	Content	<i>Promise</i>
<i>What is Required</i>	Focus	<i>What Is Given</i>
<i>Shows us Sin</i>	Purpose	<i>Shows our Savior</i>
<i>Guilt/Contrition</i>	Result	<i>Relief/Comfort</i>
<i>Afflicts the Comfortable</i>	Proper Use	<i>Comforts the Afflicted</i>
<i>Despair or Self-Righteousness</i>	Abuse	<i>Lawlessness or Indifference</i>
<i>Defines Good Works</i>	Post-Conversion Use	<i>Motivates Good Works</i>

___ Isaiah 53:5

___ Deuteronomy 6:6-7

___ Leviticus 19:2

___ Matthew 19:6b

___ Ephesians 5:25b

___ Romans 6:23

___ 1 Corinthians 5:12-13

___ Isaiah 10:12

___ Genesis 3:21



Sola Scriptura

SCRIPTURE ALONE



† TERMS Write a group definition of these words:

GOD _____

IDOL _____

LOVE _____

PRIORITIES _____

TEN COMMANDMENTS _____



PRAY

for one another. Gather in a circle and lock arms. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask God to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

A PRAISING PRAYER _____

A THANKING PRAYER _____

AN ASKING PRAYER _____



BLESS

one another by name. Trace the sign of the cross on a forehead or palm as you share these words or another favorite blessing:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY THE LORD BE FIRST IN YOUR HEART AND MIND THIS DAY.”

**† REMEMBER
1 THING**

The Almighty God who created you loves you jealously. This God commands, desires and deserves first place in your heart, soul, mind and schedule.



GODS AND IDOLS

Keep your family communicating every night and grow together in insight, love and your understanding of one another and God. Try this simple five-step process just before bed for maximum impact. New to the process? Focus on step 1 initially, and grow from there. Check out www.faithink.com, FINKlink TCo1 for additional games, songs, and devotions on this theme.



SHARE your highs and lows of the day.



READ and highlight these verses—one a day—in your Bible.

WEEK 1

- Day 1 Exodus 20:2-3
- Day 2 Exodus 20:4
- Day 3 Exodus 20:5a
- Day 4 Matthew 6:21
- Day 5 I John 5:21
- Day 6 Isaiah 44:6b
- Day 7 Review - Exodus 20:2-4

WEEK 2

- Day 1 Romans 11:33
- Day 2 Exodus 32:1b
- Day 3 Proverbs 1:7
- Day 4 Mark 12:30
- Day 5 Proverbs 3:5-6
- Day 6 Isaiah 40:28
- Day 7 Review - Exodus 20:2-4



TALK about your highs and lows in relation to the verse for the day. Ask “How does this verse relate to our highs and lows?” and “What might God be saying to us today?”



PRAY for one another. Praise and thank God for today’s highs. Ask for help with today’s lows. Include highs and lows of your family, friends and world in this prayer. Close in Jesus’ name.



BLESS one another using the following blessing, marking one another with the sign of the cross:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY THE LORD BE FIRST IN YOUR HEART AND MIND THIS DAY.”

FAMILY COVENANT: *We have shared the FAITH 5™ together as a family this week.*

Parent’s Signature

Teen’s Signature

Date