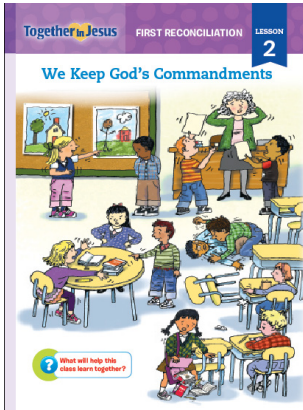


# Together in Jesus

## First Reconciliation Preparation Child's Book At-a-Glance

### Lesson 2 – We Keep God's Commandments



#### Objectives of Lesson 2

1. Your child will recognize that rules can help people be more loving.
2. Your child will recognize that God's Ten Commandments helped the people of Israel live together.
3. Your child will identify ways we keep the Ten Commandments today.

#### OVERVIEW

The Ten Commandments are the terms of God's covenant with Israel at Mount Sinai. The covenant of the Commandments is the culmination of the Hebrews' journey out of slavery in Egypt and establishes them as people of God.

In the covenant, the God who led the Hebrews to freedom on a dry path through the sea agrees to be their God. The former slaves agree to be God's people, who keep the Ten Commandments that will form them into a community that reveal what their God is like to the nations. They agree to worship only Yahweh, their God, to keep the Sabbath, to honor their parents, to tell the truth, and to respect others' lives, property, and spouses.

In the Commandments, Christians inherit much more than some of the world's best do's and don'ts. The Commandments are a gift for a forming community. The Commandments show us today, as they showed the ancient Israelites, how to be human according to God's purpose.

People who keep these laws recognize God loves them and wants them to respond in love. People who keep the Commandments will honor the lives of others rather than take them in revenge. One can count on another person who keeps the Commandments to tell the truth, rather than a self-serving lie. The Commandments create a community of people who share one another's values and expectations. Their way of living makes God visible in the world and reveals who human beings are meant to be.

This lesson emphasizes the Commandments that are most important to children living together in peace at home and school.

**Scripture:** The Scripture story in the lesson will help your children solve family and peer dilemmas and lead them concretely into what the Commandments (Exodus 16–20) ask of Christians.

#### VIDEOS

With your child, click [here](#) and select one or more of the suggested videos for Lesson 2.

