

**In our service today we shall find out
about the Ten Commandments.
God's laws help us to live well.
They teach us how to get along with God
and other people.
They light up our way.
Let us worship our holy God.**

Think of a rule at school or in life.

**What would happen if that rule
didn't exist or is broken?**

- 1. I am the Lord your God. You must not have any other God except me.**
- 2. Do not worship or serve any other gods or idols.**
- 3. Do not speak the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly.**
- 4. Keep the Lord's Day holy.**

- 5. Honour your father and mother.**
- 6. Do not kill anyone.**
- 7. Be true to your husband or wife.**
- 8. Do not steal.**
- 9. Do not tell lies**
- 10. Do not wish for someone else's things.**

The Ten Amendments

Voice 1: And God spoke all these words saying:

Voice 2: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other Gods before me.

Voice 1: Just for one hour exactly on a Sunday morning.

Voice 2: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

Voice 1: With the exception of your favourite football team, TV programme and, of course, good old money.

Voice 2: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Voice 1: except when you encounter another road-user who thinks that indicators are for decoration.

Voice 2: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

Voice 1: ... wholly free to laze at home and read the newspapers.

Voice 2: Honour your father and your mother.

Voice 1: Or at least tolerate them.

Voice 2: Do not kill.

Voice 1: Unless your aim is to prevent war.

Voice 2: Be faithful to your husband or wife.

Voice 1: Although, they can't see if you are thinking about someone else.

Voice 2: Do not steal.

Voice 1: I know someone who can get you anything you want cheap off the back of a lorry.

Voice 2: Do not lie.

Voice 1: Just be economical with the truth.

Voice 2: Do not wish for someone else's things.

Voice 1: But that only applies to your neighbour's donkey. It has nothing to do with wanting to get your hands on his S class Mercedes car.

Voice 2: You must love the Lord your God and keep his commandments.

Voice 1: Well, four out of ten would be good

**An expert in the law of Moses asked Jesus:
“Teacher, which command in the law is the
most important?”**

Jesus answered:

**“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”**

This is the greatest and first commandment.

And a second is like it:

“You shall love your neighbour as yourself.”

**On these two commandments hang all the
law and the prophets.**

Our God,
we thank you that Jesus has taught us
that of all the commandments given by Moses,
loving you and loving our neighbour,
come out on top.

Loving sounds like an easy thing,
But we find it so hard to do.

Forgive us when we fail in this commandment
and help us to forgive others when they fail to
love us.

Help us to love our neighbours as we love
ourselves,

We pray for those people who find it hard to love themselves.

May they know their value as precious children of a loving Father.

Amen.

Loving God,
Your way to live is the best way to live,
You teach us to live life carefully.
Help us to walk carefully so we do not crush the
flowers we see along our way.
Help us to talk carefully so we do not crush the
people we meet along our way.
Help us to listen carefully so we do not crush
your voice speaking to us along our way.
May you be worshipped above everything.

May families be filled with love and respect.
Let love replace hate and violence.
Let contentment replace envy and greed.
We ask for healing for the sick.
We ask for peace for the worried.
Thank you for your ten ways to live - make them
our ways too.
Amen.

Let us live cheerfully

Let us live carefully

Let us live thoughtfully

Let us live prayerfully

Let us follow God.

May His blessings rest on everyone.

Amen.