










The Ten Commandments

 <p>1. You shall have no other gods before Me. <i>(God must be first place in your life.)</i></p>	 <p>6. You shall not murder. <i>(This is a bomb shaped like a 6.)</i></p>
 <p>2. You shall not make any idols (with your hands or with your mind) or bow down to them. <i>(Don't bow down to idols.)</i></p>	 <p>7. You shall not commit adultery. <i>(Adultery breaks people's hearts.)</i></p>
 <p>3. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. <i>(Don't use your lips to dishonor God.)</i></p>	 <p>8. You shall not steal. <i>(The thief's mask is shaped like an 8.)</i></p>
 <p>4. Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy. <i>(Spiderwebs on the Bible - Don't neglect the things of God.)</i></p>	 <p>9. You shall not lie. <i>(This is a 9 that is "lying" down.)</i></p>
 <p>5. Honor your father and your mother. <i>(This is a 5 is shaped like a mom and dad.)</i></p>	 <p>10. You shall not covet (want stuff that doesn't belong to you). <i>(The man peeking around the door covets the diamond ring.)</i></p>

Why do you think God gave us the Ten Commandments?

- A** As a way to get to Heaven
- B** As a mirror to look at



In the same way, we don't realize what a bad state we are in until we look into the "mirror" of the Ten Commandments. Do you remember what #9 is? What is it? Have you ever lied? What about #5? Have you always obeyed your parents? What about #6? Have you ever hated someone? Have you always loved God? Have you ever stolen anything? Have you been greedy? Can you see the Ten Commandments are like the mirror -- they show us how bad we are, and how we need to be clean before the Day of Judgment. That is the Day God will punish people who have broken the Ten Commandments. They will be sent to a place called "Hell," a place where God doesn't want people to go. God doesn't want you to be punished. He loves you so much that He made a way for you to be clean before Judgment Day. But God came down to earth and paid our fine by dying on the Cross.



Jesus took our punishment on Himself. Then He rose from the dead. That means that we don't have to be punished by God. We can live with Him forever! It also shows us how much God loves us. What should you do? Ask God to forgive you for the Commandments you've broken (called "sin"), and then give your life to Jesus. (If you don't know what to pray, use Psalm 51 as an example.) When you do that, God will wash you clean, and you will have God's promise that you are forgiven and will live forever. Then read your Bible every day (it's full of incredible stories -- start with the book of John), and obey what you read. God will never leave you.