



The Righteous Shall Live by Faith

Scope & Sequence

The Righteous Shall Live by Faith is an intergenerational study for children and adults on *The Ten Commandments*. The commandments are studied in their historical context, which serves as a framework to teach the underlying themes of law and grace. The curriculum begins by introducing God as the Lord, who calls a people to Himself and sets them free from slavery. Each commandment is studied both specifically and generally as the themes of law and grace are discussed. Throughout the curriculum, man is shown as unable to keep the law of God, and Jesus is presented as the perfect law-keeper and Savior of His people. Each lesson incorporates a game which helps students review and apply the key themes of each lesson. The curriculum also uses a banner as a visual aid to reinforce the key themes. *The Family Devotional Guide* enables families to build on each lesson at home through daily family devotions throughout the week.

Lesson 1: The Lord Your God

Israel at Mount Sinai (Exodus 19)

God declares His authority.

- ▶ The curriculum begins by introducing students to God. God shows His greatness and shows that He is the One who has the right to command and to whom obedience is due. Students and their parents will learn that God declares Himself as the God of His people—He shows His goodness. Families will also learn that God declares Himself as the Liberator—He frees His people from bondage.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:2

Lesson 2: No Other Gods

Jacob's Children (Genesis 30)

God alone is worthy of our worship.

- ▶ This lesson shows that God is greater than all other gods and commands us to worship Him alone. Families will see that all human beings worship someone or something. Idolatry is worshipping and serving created things rather than the Creator. The lesson also demonstrates that good desires become idols when they occupy too important of a position in our hearts.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:3

Lesson 3: Any Likeness of Anything

The Golden Calf (Exodus 32)

God is incomprehensible, no man-made form can adequately represent God.

- ▶ This lesson teaches that in the Second Commandment all images, whether physical or mental, that lead to false worship or false ideas of God are prohibited. God cannot be fashioned according to our understanding—either physically or in thoughts. Students will see that God is a jealous God and a God of judgment, but He is also a God of great mercy.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:4-6

Lesson 4: The Name of the Lord

Various Passages

God wills that His name and reputation be honored.

- ▶ Families will focus directly on the name of the Lord in Lesson 4. Students will learn that dishonoring God's name is prohibited. Through the study of numerous passages, students and parents will realize that God takes His name seriously, and learn why it is to be honored and respected.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:7

Lesson 5: The Sabbath

Do Not Be Anxious (Matthew 6)

The Sabbath is a gift from God to man given for man's refreshment.

- ▶ As families study the Sabbath in Lesson 5 they will learn that it is a gift from God to us for our mental, physical, and spiritual refreshment. Students will learn that rest from labor acknowledges faith in God as our Provider and that observing the Sabbath day requires faith. The lesson also teaches that rest from working for our salvation acknowledges faith in the saving work of Jesus.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:8

Lesson 6: Honoring Your Father and Your Mother

Various Passages

God will that parents and others in authority be honored.

- ▶ In Lesson 6, students will learn that to honor means to obey, respect, support, and feel gratitude toward. Disrespect for superiors and elders is prohibited. The lesson teaches that disobedience of those in authority is prohibited unless their request would cause you to sin. Throughout the lesson families will study Bible passages which give examples of what it means to honor those in authority, why it is important, and the consequences of not doing so.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:12

Lesson 7: Murder

Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

God will the protection of human life.

- ▶ In this lesson students and their parents will see that murder is prohibited. While the act of murder is discussed, the lesson also teaches that all wrong attitudes of the heart that could lead to murder are prohibited including anger, bitterness, resentment, envy, hatred, and revenge.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:13

Lesson 8: Adultery

Various Passages

God requires purity of thought and attitudes, as well as actions.

- ▶ As families look at the Seventh Commandment, they will see that God is faithful to his commitment to His covenant people, and serves as our example in covenant relationships. Therefore, He wills the faithful commitment between marriage partners. Students will study that lust is forbidden, as well as adultery. This includes adultery of the heart, not just actions.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:14

Lesson 9: Stealing

The Rich Young Ruler (Luke 18)

The root of stealing is unbelief in God.

- ▶ The Eighth Commandment teaches that stealing—in any form—is forbidden. The root of stealing comes from heart issues such as greed, pride, etc., and ultimately from unbelief in God. Families will see that because God has given man “life and breath and all things,” stealing is distrusting God’s wisdom and authority.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:15

Lesson 10: False Witness

The New Life (Ephesians 4)

God hates lies.

The Final Judgment (Matthew 25)

- ▶ As students and their parents examine the Ninth Commandment they will not only learn that speaking evil against another is forbidden and that God hates lies, but they will also learn that our speech should be truthful and loving. Families will study several Biblical passages as they explore what it means to bear false witness.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:16

Lesson 11: Coveting

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven (Matthew 6)

Where your heart is, there is your treasure.

- ▶ As families look at the Tenth Commandment they will see that coveting is forbidden—God is our greatest treasure. The lesson demonstrates that by forbidding coveting, God is claiming authority over our hearts. We sin in our thoughts and imaginations, not only in our actions. The lesson shows students and their parents that loving God produces the contentment that cures coveting.

Memory Verse: Exodus 20:17

Lesson 12: The Law

Various Passages

God requires perfect obedience to the law.

- ▶ Lesson 12 teaches that God's moral law is perfect, good, eternal, and unchanging. Through the law comes the knowledge of sin. Students will see that the law is written on the conscience of all men; all men know what is right. But every person is a hopeless sinner incapable of keeping God's law of perfect righteousness.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:7

Lesson 13: Grace

Various Passages

Faith in Jesus is the only means of salvation.

- ▶ The curriculum ends by revealing the gift of grace. The lesson emphasizes that faith in Jesus as our Mediator and Perfect Righteousness is the only means of salvation and the fulfillment of God's law. Students will see that the moral law is a guide for Christians. The law does not condemn us but shows us how to live.

Memory Verse: Ezekiel 36:26