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Part Two

# Jesus Helps Us Live God's Way



## Lesson 7

# We Learn God's Ways



### We Share

Garth has a photo of his grandpa. In what ways is the photo like Garth's grandpa? In what ways is the photo different?

## We Listen

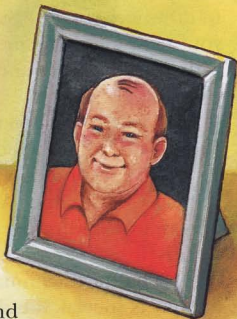
A photo is an *image*. An image is something that looks like something else, but there are always great differences, too.

The Bible says, "God made human beings...in his image" (Wis. 2:23). This means that we are a little like God. God knows everything. We know some things. God loves everybody. We try to love everybody. God always does what is good. We try to do only good things.

The Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit want us to become more like them. They want us to get ready to be happy with them forever. That is why God has given us the ten commandments. They are rules for living the right way.

God helps us to know and to do what is good. When we live God's way, we become better images of God!

These are the first three com-



mandments:

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.

By keeping (obeying) these first three commandments, we do what the Bible asks us to do where it says: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength" (Mk. 12:30).

The first commandment tells us to learn about God, to love God and to pray to God.

The second commandment tells us to respect God's name. We say "God" or "Jesus" only in love and respect, not when we are surprised or angry.

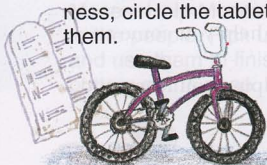
The third commandment tells us that Sunday is special, Sunday is the Lord's Day (God's Day). It is a day to spend some time with God. Sunday is a day when people can enjoy family, relax and do good things for others. And Sunday (or Saturday night) is the time when we meet with God's family at Mass to pray and worship God together.

These first three commandments are all about God and us. They help us to love God our Father the way Jesus did.



# A

If the action/choice matches the way to happiness, circle the tablets, if not, put an X through them.



Brendan crashed into Lolita's bike. "I'm sorry," Brendan said. "Are you okay?"

Keisha got up early on Sunday and went to Mass with her grandpa.



Renald forgot to do his homework. But he told the teacher that Matthew took it.

When Jesse goes to the nursing home to see Aunt Sharon, he always visits Mrs. Lowe, too. She has no family left to visit her.



Hong threw dirty clothes all over his sister's room to get her angry.



## We Choose

Name the grown-ups who help you come to church and religion class.

Today, thank them for helping you learn and keep God's commandments.



## We Grow

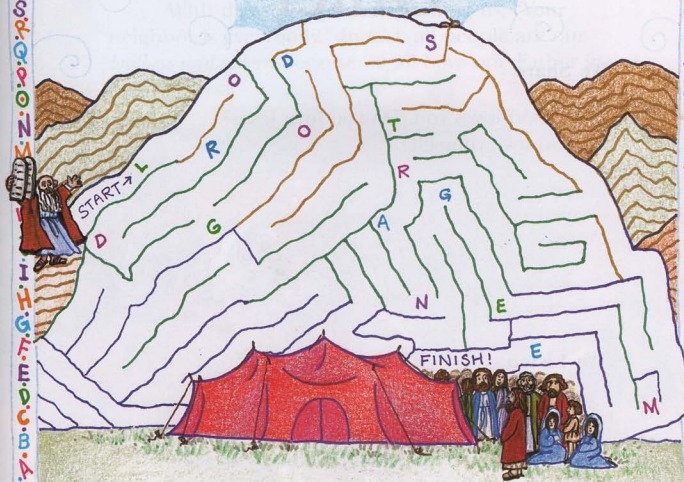
How can keeping God's commandments help us be more like God?

Why are God's commandments so important?

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

B

God gave us the commandments through Moses. Help Moses bring the commandments to the people. Pick up the letters on the way and use them to finish the message at the bottom of the page.



I AM THE \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR  
 \_\_\_\_\_ : YOU SHALL NOT HAVE  
 \_\_\_\_\_ GODS  
 BEFORE \_\_\_\_\_.

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