

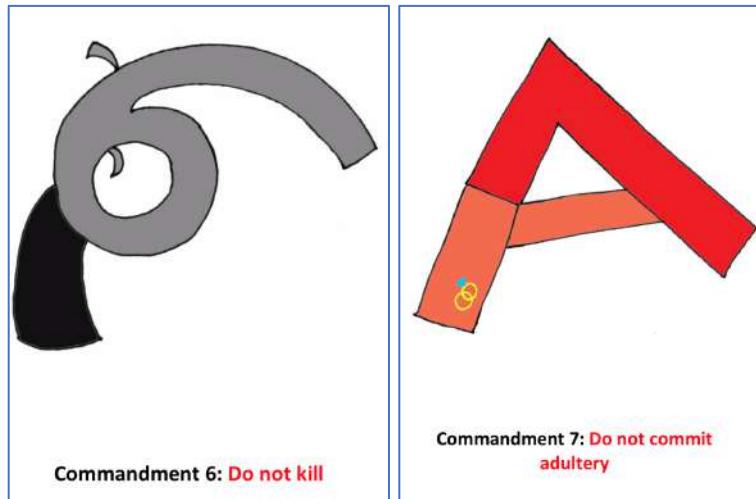
Lesson 6

Do Not Kill; Do Not Commit Adultery

Print out your worksheets.

For #6, color and turn it into a gun.

For #7, turn it into the letter, A. Then, draw wedding rings to symbolize marriage.



Bible Lesson

In today's lesson, we will be learning about Commandments 6 and 7 – "Do Not Kill," and "Do Not Commit Adultery."

We were created in God's image. God loved us so much that He wanted us to be special and different from all the rest of His creation. We were made to be like Him! We have the ability to be creative, to think clearly, to make decisions, and to love. Let's all turn to Genesis 1:26-28.

²⁶ Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷ So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

²⁸ God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

God gave people the special job to rule over all of His other creation on earth. You see, God made us different so that we can represent Him on earth. God has a plan for each person He created, and every human life is precious to Him. God loves people, therefore we need to treat others with love, care, and respect too. God gave us life; therefore, He is the only one who has the right to take it away.

Object Lesson:

Materials:

- Hand held mirror
- Shaving Cream
- Clean Paper Towel

(Hold up a hand-held mirror)

Look in the mirror and what do you see? You see a reflection of yourself! God lovingly created you, and you bear His image; we have been created with His likeness! Do you know what this means? Have you ever heard someone say, “You look like your Dad,” or “You look like your Mom?” It’s the same idea – we look like God, our Heavenly Father. When you look into the mirror, we are seeing God’s likeness in us.

However, there is a problem. Long ago, sin entered into the world. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that makes God sad.

(Spray a small dollop of shaving cream on the mirror and spread it all over the face of the mirror and then hold it up and try to see your reflection.)

Sin clouds up the picture of God in us. Now, when I look into the mirror, I cannot see myself clearly. Sometimes I may forget that I am made to look like God, because I cannot see it! Sometimes other people, because of sin, may not act very nice, and that covers up their God-like image too.

However, there is hope. God sent Jesus, His only Son, to take away our sin.

(Wipe clean the mirror with a paper towel)

Because of Jesus, we can truly reflect who God created us to be. We are all precious in His sight, and so is every person on earth. Sometimes when we hear this commandment, “Thou shall not kill,” we don’t really think that it applies to us. We think, “I would never kill someone.” However, we need to be careful! Murder starts in the heart. Let’s turn to 1 John 3:15.

⁵Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

From this passage, we can see that even if we hate someone, we have already committed murder in our heart. Being jealous and feelings of hate lead us to thinking bad thoughts toward a person, even if we do not physically commit the act of murder. Often, people who are angry and so overcome with hate, will end up committing the physical act of murder.

Let’s also look at Matthew 15:19.

¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander.

Because of sin, our hearts have evil inside. Remember, sin is anything we think, say, or do that makes God sad. Sometimes, feelings of jealousy and envy (which means wanting what someone has) often

leads us to hate people. When we have these bad thoughts in our minds and in our hearts, we cannot see clearly, just like when we had the shaving cream covering the mirror. We don't see God's picture in us, and we don't see God's picture in other people. We must ask Jesus to wash us clean and to remove the evil in our hearts so that we can see clearly and love the way God wants us to love. We must try to solve our problems with other people quickly so that our anger does not turn into hatred and turn into something really bad.

We must do what Ephesians 4:31-32 tells us.

³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. ³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

All these things: bitterness, rage, anger, fighting with others, saying bad things about other people, can easily take root in your heart. It is like a plant growing out of control in your heart that will then consume you and control what you do. Instead, God wants us to forgive others, just like He forgave us.

The other commandment that we will learn today is the 7th commandment, which says, "You shall not commit adultery." God created marriage, and it is a very special relationship meant for a man and a woman. In the beginning, when God created Adam, He knew that it wasn't good for Adam to be alone. He created a special helper and companion, Eve, to be His wife.

Object Lesson

(Have three candles lined up in a row. ASK AN ADULT FOR HELP!)

Often, during a Christian marriage ceremony, you will see this symbolic lighting of candles. *(Have an adult light the two outer candles, leaving the middle candle unlit.)* The two outer candles represent one man and one woman. When a man and a woman get married, they enter into this special relationship, and they become one person – one team. God joins them together. *(Have an adult pick up the two lit candles jointly and light the middle candle. The adult can then extinguish the two outer candles and put them away from view, leaving the middle candle lit and in plain sight.)*

When people marry, God wants them to be together for the rest of their life. This special bond, this team, should never be broken. Adultery breaks this bond. Adultery is when you become involved romantically (this can be emotionally or physically) with another man or woman who is not your husband or wife. This makes God's heart very sad.

Although all of you are too young to be married, this lesson still applies to you because marriage can also be seen in our relationship with God. Often, the Bible refers to Jesus as the Groom (the husband), and the His followers, the Church, as His Bride (wife). When we have other idols besides God, it is like a form of adultery. We need to *love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our minds.* Jesus keeps his promises to us, and we must be faithful by not having any other gods in our hearts. We must obey what God commands.

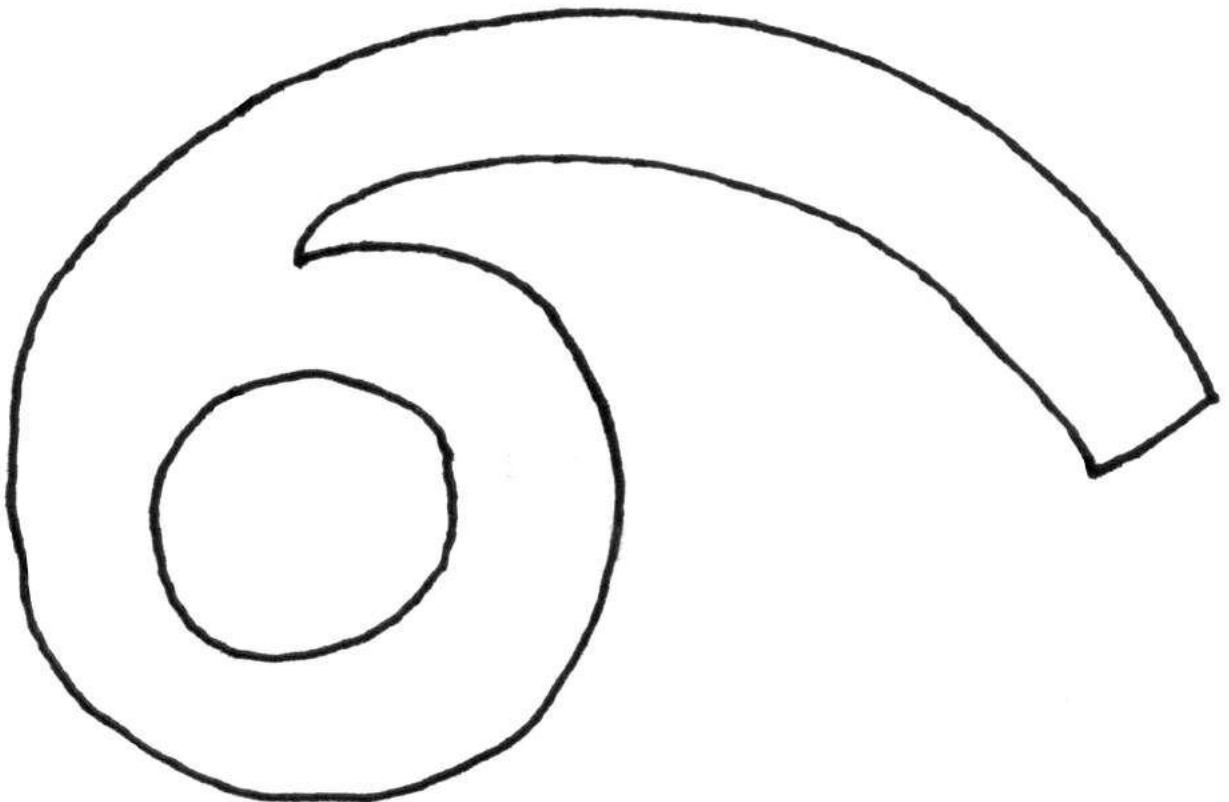
Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

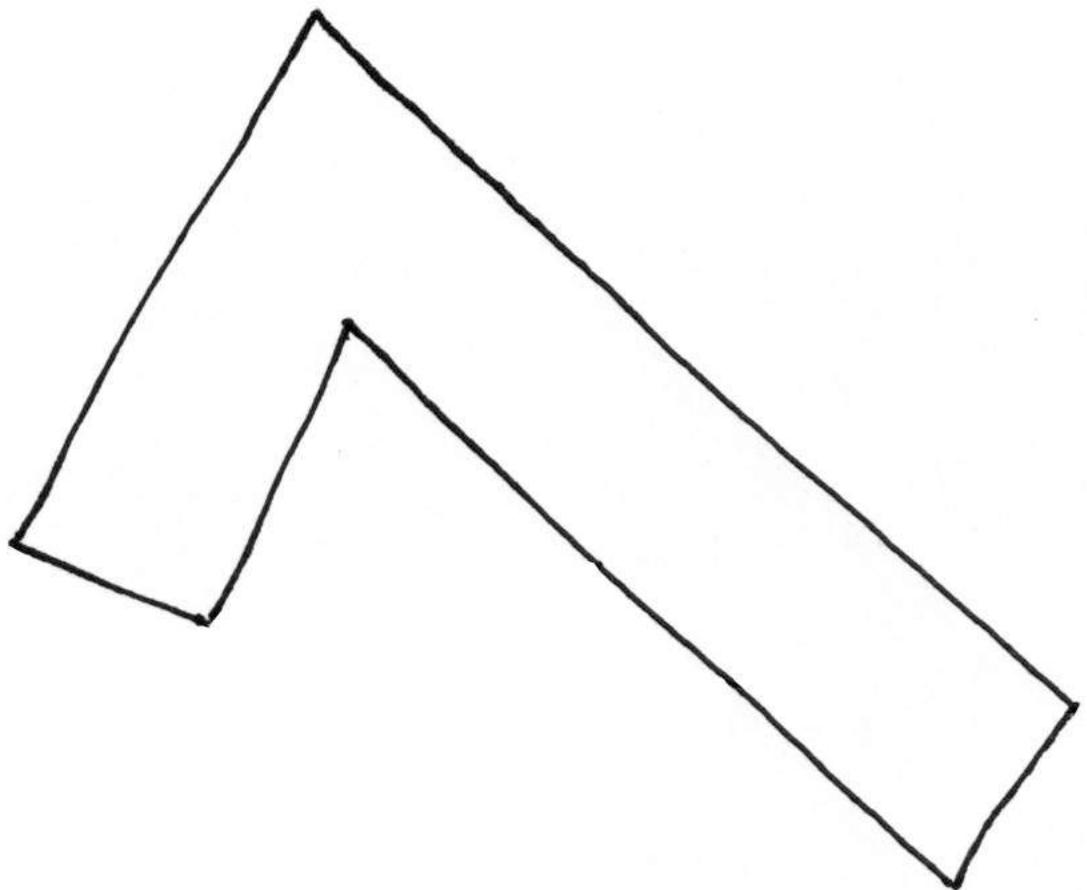
- 1) Why should we not murder?
- 2) What does it mean to be made in God's image?
- 3) Why is our God-like image distorted?
- 4) How can our God-like image be restored?
- 5) Although we are too young to be married, how do we commit adultery against God?

Answers: 1. We are made in God's image; 2. We were created with His likeness – we can be creative, think logically, make decisions, and to love; 3. Sin; 4. Ask Jesus to forgive our sin and trust Him to become our Savior and friend; 5. When we have other idols in our lives in place of God.

The lesson for today is that we must not commit murder in our hearts by harboring hatred, jealousy, and bitterness towards others. We must forgive those who hurt us and ask Jesus to cleanse us so we can show God's likeness to the world. When we do get married and God blesses us with our husband or wife, we must be faithful to that person and protect that marriage bond. God put you together as one team. We must also remember that God is Number 1. We should not have any other gods before Him, and we should not make for ourselves any idols. When we do otherwise, we commit adultery against Him.



Commandment 6: _____



Commandment 7: _____
