

July

Elementary Parent Sheet

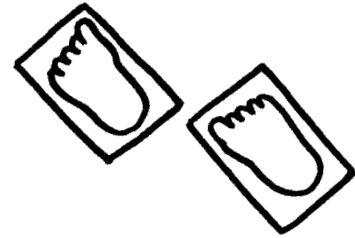
All month I will be exploring God's last six rules and how I should treat others.

My Memory Verse:
Happy are the people who keep his rules.
They ask for help with their whole heart.
Psalm 119: 2 (ICB)

July 4, 2010

~ Joseph Honors His Parent

Genesis 37:4, 11-17, 47:27-31, 50:1-14



Rule 5: Honor your mom and dad.

Weekly Scripture:

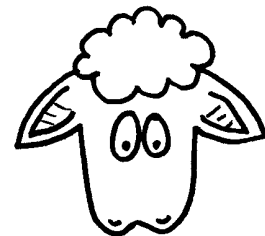
Honor your father and your mother. Then you will live a long time in the land. The Lord your God is going to give you this land. Exodus 20:12 (ICB)

- Take a walk with your children and share some of the ways you honored your parents when you were young and how you try to honor them now.

July 11, 2010

~ David Doesn't Follow God's Rules

II Samuel 11: 1 - 12:14



Rule 6: Do not kill or murder anyone.

Rule 7: Do not treat anyone like your wife or husband who isn't.

Weekly Scriptures:

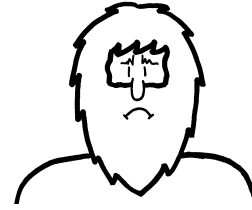
You must not murder anyone. You must not be guilty of adultery. Exodus 20:13-14 (ICB)

- God created life and wants us to treat others as precious - never to take a life. When we hate someone the Bible tells us it is the very same thing as murdering them. That's serious! Encourage your child to pray for his enemies and remember that God considers each person valuable! Read I John 3:15-18 and Matthew 5:44.

July 18, 2010

~ Gehazi Lies & Steals

II Kings 5:15-27



Rule 8: Do not steal or take things that don't belong to you.

Rule 9: Do not lie, tell the truth.

Weekly Scriptures:

You must not steal. You must not tell lies about your neighbor in court.

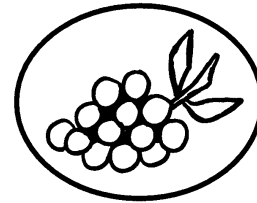
Exodus 20:15-16. (ICB)

- We are all tempted to tell lies or take things that don't belong to us at some point. The world even says that telling "white lies" is okay. The world says that taking little things when nobody will notice is okay too. God wants His people to be different. He wants them to be honest. Challenge your family to take a closer look at how honest they are.

July 25, 2010

~ Ahab Wants Naboth's Vineyard

I Kings 21:1-26



Rule 10: Don't want things that belong to others. Be content with what you have.

Weekly Scripture:

You must not want to take your neighbor's house. You must not want his wife or his men or woman slaves. You must not want his ox or his donkey. You must not want to take anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Exodus 20:17 (ICB)

- It is easy to think you need more when you are bombarded with advertisements that tell us we can't be happy without the latest thing. As you are watching TV or observing billboards and such in the next week consider whether or not they cause discontent and make you feel you must have something. Help your child to recognize the tremendous value in being content and thankful for the many things you already have!

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