

Discussion points:

1. The Law was supposed to point us to Jesus.

Read Galatians 3:24

Ask your children the following:

1. What is the Law?
2. What is a tutor?
3. Who does the Law want to lead us to?
4. What is the role of faith?

Many people think that the 10 Commandments are simply a set of rules to tell us how to live. So, they try to live by them and typically think they are doing a good job. However, if we really look at the Law, we realize how helpless we are to fulfill it. When we read the Law, it should cause us to see that we need salvation through Jesus!

2. Salvation comes through a promise, not Law.

Read Galatians 3:17-18

Ask children the following:

1. What did God promise to Abraham?
2. How long between the promise to Abraham and the Law being given to Moses?
3. Which came first, the Law, or God's promise?
4. So, was the promise based on obeying the Law?

This can be a little hard for little minds, but try to keep it very simple. God promised He was bringing salvation to Abraham. Abraham becomes the Father of Israel, even though God doesn't give the Law to Moses until 400 years later. By the time Jesus came, many Jews thought it was the Law that made the Jewish, but Paul reminds them, it was the promise made by God. Faith in the promise came before the Law!

3. Jesus fulfilled the Law.

Read Matthew 5:17-18

Ask children the following:

1. Did Jesus come to break the Laws and the work of the Prophets?
2. What does Jesus want to do with the Law?
3. Do even the little matters of the Law matter?
4. How long will the Law last?

Explain to your kids that though we are set free from the Law to have forgiveness from God, Jesus did not ignore the Law. He perfectly obeyed and fulfilled all of the Law, so that God's requirement of perfection could be met. He never once broke the Law.

4. We obey because we love.

Read 1 John 5:3

Ask children the following:

1. What does love for God look like?
2. Why would love and commandments go together?
3. What does it mean that His commands are not burdensome?
4. Does God love us because we obey, or do we obey because God loves us?

God recorded His Law for us to show us His perfect standards. We were not able to keep these standards on our own, but Jesus perfectly fulfilled all of them. Because God loves us, He offers that Jesus' work can give us salvation. Then, once we have salvation, we can respond back to God's love by obeying Him...not because we have to for salvation, but because we want to, in thanksgiving.

Table Talk

You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.

-Deuteronomy 6:7

