

## Good Morning Voyagers!

How is your Lenten Journey going?

One of our families has created a Lenten calendar like the one at Catholic Icing and is following along the Lenten path to Easter. Please share any other ideas and pictures of what you and your family have done for Lent!



## First Reading

Today's First Reading is a BIG ONE! It's the story of how God gave us the Ten Commandments to Moses. The Ten Commandments are God's Rules to help us make good choices.

The words in the bible for the Ten Commandments were written thousands of years ago, so the language can seem a little complicated. Here's a way to think about each one:

Commandment	Things to think About
1. We believe that there is only one God!	Money isn't God, Sports are not God, our Screens are not God. Only GOD is GOD! Where do spend most of our time?
2. We speak God's name with love and respect.	Although it can be fun to say "OMG" it's actually not very respectful to God.
3. We join our parish each week for mass, and on Holy Days of Obligation.	It can be hard to go to church (especially right now.) But God loves us and wants to spend time with us at church. Do I help our family get to mass?

4. We listen to our parents and all those who care for us.	Our grown-ups love us and want to keep us safe. We need to listen to them and do our part to help them take care of us!
5. We respect all human life and never want to hurt another person.	We don't want to hurt anyone with our words or bodies.
6. We respect our bodies and the bodies of others.	Keep your body to yourself – It's no fun to hit or kick or push another person!
7. We take care of what we own and share with those in need	Take care of our books and toys and clothes and all things that we have. And...share with others who may not have as much as we do.
8. We tell the truth	This one is easy....or is it?
9. We show that we are happy and thankful for our family and friends	Be grateful and happy and say thank you to all of the people in your life.
10. We show that we are happy and thankful for what we own.	Be grateful and happy and say thank you for all of the things we have in our life (food, shelter, toys, clothes.)

You could make your own version of the 10 commandments for your room or home. Here's one idea:

**ACTIVITY:** <https://www.crayola.com/crafts/ten-commandments-tablets-craft/>

## Psalm and Second Reading

The Psalm says, "Lord, you have the words of everlasting life." And, in the Second Reading, Jesus' follower Paul reminds the people he met in the city of Corinth that God is very, very wise – much wiser than we can really understand.

What does this mean for us? It means that God loves us in so many different ways. He gives us words to follow (like the Ten Commandments) and he gives us examples to follow (like Jesus.)

God also wants us to try to be wise, too.

A while back, we watched video of our friend Douglas talking about Wisdom. Let's watch it again for a reminder of how God's wisdom...works!

**VIDEO:** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BotCIS\\_6bI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4BotCIS_6bI)

## Gospel

In the Gospel today, Jesus gets mad! Really??? YES! He gets mad that the sacred place of worship in Jerusalem (the temple) was being used for selling things.

It would be like....if you walked into St. Brendan and part of the church had turned into a grocery store. Wouldn't that be strange? Would you be a little upset too?

Jesus got so mad that he turned over all of the tables where people were selling things – can you imagine?? That would be something to see!

But – it reminds us that we need to respect God, the world he created and make choices that are appropriate for honoring him.

**Game: Stay off the Lava, Stay IN God's Love!**

Make your own version of "Stay off the Hot Lava". Make stepping stones with things that are FOR or WITH God....avoid the hot lava of bad choices! Use the attached stepping stone or make your own.

Ideas for God: Saying "I Love You", Going to Church, Hugs, Saying Thank You,....

Ideas for Lava: Hurtful words, yelling, hitting, being selfish....

## Bonus Songs!

10 Commandment Boogie!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2hB5Gqo8Vo>

(FYI: This is a protestant version, so the commandments are not in the same order.)

"Your Words are Spirit and Life"

By Bernadette Farrell

Performed by Gsus Band, NYC

(We watched this back in January – but it's so good!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jennf6n3QC8>

Matt Maher sings "Sophia"

The video is a little wobbly, but he shares some beautiful words before the beautiful song.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mW00TtKO5NY>

