

The Ten Commandments

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As you know, the Ten Commandments are in the second book of the Bible, called Exodus. The Ten Commandments are also found in the fifth book of the Bible. The name of this book means "second law", because the book restates and explains the law God gave Moses on Mount Sinai. Both books are part of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible, which hold special significance for the Jews, because they contain all of the laws revealed to them by God.

What is the name of this book?

Find the Ten Commandments in Chapter 5, verses 6 to 21, and read them aloud.

Discuss:

1. What did God do for the people of Israel, from whom he demands allegiance and love?
2. What does it mean to take God's name in vain?
3. Why were God's children told to keep holy the sabbath day?
4. What are some ways people might break the Fifth Commandment, without actually taking someone's life?
5. What does it mean to "bear false witness"?
6. God commands us not to "covet" things and people. What does it mean to covet, and what harm can come from it?