

The word “testament” in Old Testament or New Testament refers to a contract, agreement or treaty. The Ten Commandments are the terms or conditions of the Old Agreement. These requirements defined the relationship between God the one true king and his people, Israel.

GETTING STARTED

Who was your childhood idol?

LOOKING DEEPER

1. Read Exodus 20:1-6. What is the difference between the first and second commandment?
2. Why is the word “idol” so appropriate for our favorite celebrities or heroes? What kinds of behaviors or actions make us look like we are worshipping them?
3. How might objects, persons or images help us feel a closer connection with God? Why do you think we are warned against using images to represent in the second commandment?
4. Read John 4:23-24. How is worshipping God in spirit different from worshipping through physical objects?
5. Why should we be glad that God is jealous for His people? How has human insecurity made jealousy a bad word?
6. What is the difference between being jealous OF someone and being jealous FOR someone?
7. Read Ephesians 5:1-5. What is it about sexuality and money that makes them prominent idols in the first century AND the 21st century?
8. Read Exodus 20:6. How does loving God keep our religion from becoming a set of isolated commands?

TAKE IT WITH YOU — *personal reflection*

“The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.” Colossians 1:15

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father