

CALLED TO OBEY

CENTRAL TRUTH

In Exodus 20:1-7, we learn about the Ten Commandments, the core of the Lord's instructions to His people. Together, we will see that **the Lord's commands and instructions reveal His character.**

KEY QUESTION

← What is significant about the way God begins His address to the Israelites?

God reminded His people of who He was and all that He had accomplished on their behalf (see v. 2). The LORD—the eternal one true God—had displayed His supreme power over Pharaoh and the false gods, freeing the Israelites from their captivity. Now the people of Israel were to respond to God's saving work with worship and obedience.

KEEP IN MIND

- I Idolatry today looks different than it did during ancient times. However, we can still be guilty of it. Using the **Culture Note**, help students to see what lies at the foundation of idolatry, and guide them to potentially identify idols in their own lives.
- I The fifth commandment instructed the Israelites to honor their fathers and mothers. Be mindful of those students who may not have both biological parents in the home. We're called to honor the godly adults the Lord has placed in our lives—whether they're biological parents, adoptive parents, a single parent, or mature believers who've acted as spiritual parents.

APPLICATION

- I How can we regularly ask God to help us love Him and love those around us?

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: God's commands reveal His character to us. Through them, we're also instructed on how to properly worship Him and how to treat those around us.

FOR THE LEADER: Matthew 22:37-40 summarizes the heart of the Ten Commandments. Simply put, we are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves. Seeing this week's teaching through this lens may help students who find themselves tripped up by the dos and don'ts of the Ten Commandments.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↻ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?