

## **Script for Commandment Pick Up**

I'm sure that many of you have heard of the Ten Commandments given to Moses to the children of Israel. But did you know that Jesus gave many commands also while He was here on earth? Today, we are going to learn about 7 of Jesus' commands to all who follow Him. Why should we carry out the commands of Jesus? Because each command is for our greatest good and will bring great glory and praise to God, our Father. Let's learn some commands of Jesus while we play "Commandment Pick Up."

(Explain the rules of the game as shared in the article.)

### **Love the Lord**

*"Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment" (Matthew 22:37-38).*

Loving Jesus with every part of our lives is the greatest commandment for all who believe in Him as their Lord and Savior. You would think that loving Jesus would always be easy - but it's not. Why? It's because you and I are sinners. Sin is anything you think, say or do that displeases God. If you are displeasing God, then you are not putting God first. You are putting yourself first, instead. When you sin, pray and ask Jesus to forgive you. Then ask Him to help you put Him first in your life and love Him with every part of who you are.

### **Love Your Neighbor**

*"And the second [commandment] is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets" (Matthew 22:39-40).*

There is a story or parable that Jesus taught in which a man asked the question, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus answered the man by

telling him the story of the good Samaritan who showed love and compassion to a man who had been beaten and left for dead by the side of the road. The Samaritan bandaged his wounds and took him to a nearby inn where he could recover and paid for the sick man's expenses. The Samaritan went the extra mile to take care of a total stranger and someone whom he might have considered his enemy. But instead, the man chose to show love. We need to show the love of Jesus to everyone we meet, because essentially, everyone is our neighbor.

### **Watch and Pray**

*“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matthew 26:41).*

Did you know Jesus wants to have a relationship with you that is greater than the friendship you have with your best friend? It's true! And part of every great relationship is great communication. So, how do you communicate with God? Through prayer. Simply put, prayer is talking and listening to God. You can pray for anything, but this command teaches that Jesus wants you to pray to Him to help you stay away from doing wrong things. We all get tempted to do what is wrong, so we need God's strength to help us say no to sin.

### **Honor Your Parents**

*“For God commanded, saying, Honor thy father and mother: and, he that curseth father or mother, let him die the death” (Matthew 15:4).*

If you are a kid, you are being taken care of by parents or other family members who are responsible for your safety and well-being. There is no such thing as the perfect parent or family. You aren't perfect either. As a family, you must work together as a team to do what's best for each other. As a child, God calls you to honor your parents by following Jesus and doing what's right. Honoring

your parents is a great way to show your love to them, even when they themselves aren't perfect.

### **Ask, Seek, Knock**

*“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened” (Matthew 7:7–8).*

Here's another commandment from Jesus about prayer. Learning to pray to Jesus takes patience and perseverance. Jesus loves it when you pray to Him and He wants you to keep coming to Him with all your many prayers. He wants you to keep asking for the things you need. He wants you to keep seeking His will for your life and He wants you to keep knocking until He answers your prayers in His way and for His good purpose.

### **Lay Up Treasures**

*“Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Matthew 6:19–21).*

Treasures are great! You might have your own small box of treasures tucked away in your closet filled with old Indian arrowheads or a special rock that you found down at a river one time. Did you know that Jesus has great treasures to give you? Greater than any amount of money or power or fame in this world? It's true! The treasures of Jesus are eternal, live Heaven. Treasures such as love, forgiveness, joy, and peace will never grow old or get used up. So, ask Jesus to help fill your heart with the treasures of Heaven.

## **Let Your Light Shine**

*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 5:16).*

It's amazing to think how just one match can start a whole fire. It's also amazing to know that one act of kindness can bring great glory to God. Jesus commands us to shine our light for Him so that those around you who are living in the dark might be drawn into a relationship with God. How do you shine your light for Jesus? By doing and saying the things you know Jesus would want you to say and do.