



PEOPLE OF GOD RESOURCES

UNDERSTANDING CHRISTIANITY

UPPER KEY STAGE 2/2B.3

TEXT IMPACT CONNECTIONS



2B.3 PEOPLE OF GOD RESOURCE SHEET 1: TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FROM EXODUS CHAPTER 20

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

- You shall have no other gods before me.
- You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them.
- You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.
- Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labour, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.
- Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.
- You shall not murder.
- You shall not commit adultery.
- You shall not steal.
- You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
- You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbour's.

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2B.3 PEOPLE OF GOD RESOURCE SHEET 2: COMMANDMENT CATEGORIES

Here are 12 commandments from the Torah, the first five books of the Jewish and Christian scriptures.

CAN YOU SORT THEM INTO CATEGORIES?

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and strength.

(Deuteronomy 6:5 ICB)

All insects with wings are unclean for you. Do not eat them.

(Deuteronomy 14:19 ICB)

You must always keep your word.

(Deuteronomy 23:23)

You must not cheat your neighbour ... You must not curse a deaf person or put something in front of a blind person to make him fall ...

Forget about the wrong things people do to you. You must not try to get even. Love your neighbour as you love yourself. I am the Lord.

(Leviticus 19:13, 14, 18 NCV)

You harvest your crops on your land. But do not harvest all the way to the corners of your fields. If grain falls onto the ground, don't gather it up ... You must leave those things for the poor and for foreigners.

(Leviticus 19:9-10 ICB)

Three times a year, every man must appear in front of God by going to the temple where God dwells ... [for] three special religious festivals. These are the Festival of Unleavened Bread, the Festival of Weeks and the Festival of Tabernacles.

(Deuteronomy 16:16)

There will always be some people in need. Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.

(Deuteronomy 15:11)

Look and find the place that God will choose. Build a temple there for God to dwell in.

(Deuteronomy 12:5)

You shall love the stranger.

(Deuteronomy 10:19)

On the fifteenth day of that month the Lord's Festival of Unleavened Bread begins; for seven days you must eat bread made without yeast. On the first day hold a sacred assembly and do not do any of your ordinary work.

(Leviticus 23:6-7 ICB)

You may eat animals that have split hooves and chew the cud. ... You may not eat pigs because they have split hooves but do not chew the cud.

(Deuteronomy 14:4-8)

Do not test the Lord your God.

(Deuteronomy 6:16 ICB)

2B.3 PEOPLE OF GOD RESOURCE SHEET 2A: COMMANDMENT CONFERENCE

Welcome to your meeting! Your chairperson will read out each question and task on the agenda and give you all time to discuss it before moving onto the next question or task. Your secretary will write down your group's important ideas so that these can be shared with the rest of the class once the meeting is over.

AGENDA

What the commandments mean

Task 1 Try to remember your discussions about each of the commandments. Go through them one by one. Explain what each commandment is telling the People of God to do.

Why the commandments were given

Question 1 What might have been happening at the time for the People of God to need the commandment that says 'There will always be some people in need. Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'?

Question 2 What might have been happening at the time for the People of God to need the commandment that says 'When you harvest your crops, don't cut the crops at the very edge of your field or pick up the crops that have been left behind. Leave them for the poor and the foreigners'?

Question 3 What might life have been like at the time for some of the other commandments to need to be given?

Question 4 Are any of these commandments still good advice for today?

How people might follow the commandments

Task 1 Decide together three things that somebody might do to make sure they were following the commandment that says 'You shall love the stranger'.

Task 2 Decide together three things that somebody might do to make sure they were following the commandment that says 'There will always be some people in need. Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land'.

Task 3 Decide together three things that somebody might do to make sure they were following the commandment that says 'You must always keep your word'.

How the commandments help

Question 1 Which people do you think these commandments would have helped?

Question 2 Do you think any of these commandments could have brought justice? Why?

Question 3 Would these commandments have solved absolutely everybody's problems? Why?

2B.3 PEOPLE OF GOD RESOURCE SHEET 3: THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

The Five Marks of Mission were developed within the Church of England, and adopted by them in 1996. The Marks enable Christians of different countries and cultures to have a common focus as they share in God's mission in the world.

1. TELL – To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom

Proclamation may be in words – communicating the Gospel of Jesus clearly – but also in actions, by living the Good News that Christians proclaim.

2. TEACH – To teach, baptise and nurture new believers

Christian discipleship is about lifelong learning, so Christians all need help with growing in faith, so that the Church is a learning environment for all ages.

3. TEND – To respond to human need by loving service

Christians have a long tradition of care for people inside and outside their churches. Christians are called to respond to the needs of people locally and in the wider human community.

4. TRANSFORM – To seek to transform unjust structures in society

Jesus and the Old Testament prophets before him challenged oppressive structures in God's name. Christians should not only press for change, but also demonstrate justice within the way they live and organise their Church.

5. TREASURE – To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and sustain and renew the life of the Earth

The Bible's vision of salvation is universal in its scope. Christians are called to promote the well-being of the human community and its environment, so that all Creation may live in harmony.

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