

SABBATH SCHOOL

Preteen Sabbath Instruction Program — Teacher's Outline

Level K • Unit 4 • Week 3

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

OBJECTIVE:

To define the Fifth Commandment as obeying parents, like Miriam did, and showing respect to parents by treating them in a loving way.

ATTENTION GETTER:

Teacher: How many of you have a baby brother or sister?

Do: Bring doll wrapped in blanket and placed in a basket. Present the doll to the class.

Teacher: I want you to pretend that this doll is a baby and think about this basket being a special boat. Today we are going to tell a Bible story about a big sister and a baby brother. The brother gets to take a ride in his basket boat.

BIBLE LESSON:

Our story takes place in a country called Egypt. There was a new king in Egypt. In Egypt another word for king was "pharaoh." Pharaoh did not want any young boy to grow up and take his place as king. So, he came up with a mean plan to make sure he would always be the king. Pharaoh told all the Hebrew nurses to kill boy babies born to God's people as soon as they could.

One mother and father had a baby son and managed to hide him for three months. The baby boy was growing fast and it became more difficult to hide him from Pharaoh's men. So the mother thought of a new way to keep her baby safe from harm. She decided to make a basket just the perfect size to hold her baby son. It would need to be waterproof because it would be placed in the water; in the Nile River.

The mother knew just how to put asphalt and tar on the basket to make it float. She worked quickly and made the basket strong. She placed the basket in the water to make sure no water leaked in. It worked

great! The basket boat was waterproofed and ready now to hold her cuddly baby boy. The mother gently placed the baby into the basket boat and kissed him. She trusted God to keep her baby safe.

Next, she found her young daughter and said, “Miriam, I have a very important job for you. I have made this basket to hold your baby brother. It floats like a boat and is safe for him to stay in for a little while. You must go to the river and stay close to the basket and watch it. Can you do that?”

“Yes, Mother, I can,” answered Miriam. “But where will the baby go?”

“I’m not sure. That’s why I need you to see who finds the basket and your little brother.”

So Miriam obeyed her Mother and hid behind some bulrushes by the water to watch her brother. The baby was in for an important ride. Just a little time passed and Pharaoh’s daughter came to the river. She was a princess. The basket with the baby inside was brought to her. She opened the basket and was surprised to see a darling baby boy inside. Just as God had planned, the princess rescued the baby. Miriam bravely ran up to the princess and offered to get someone who could feed the baby. The princess was delighted to have Miriam’s help. So Miriam quickly went to get her mother. The princess wanted her mother to help with the care and feeding of the little baby she had pulled from the water. The princess took care of the baby until he grew up. The baby grew up to be a great leader of God’s people.

Teacher: Does anyone know the name of Miriam’s baby brother? [*Anticipated Response: Moses.*]

Teacher: Do you think Miriam obeyed her mother? [*Anticipated Response: Yes.*]

Teacher: Do you always obey your mother and daddy? [*Anticipated Response: Most of the time.*]

Teacher: God made ten great laws we are to live by. They are called the Ten Commandments. Now we want to talk about one of these commandments—number five.

The Fifth Commandment says to honor your parents. This means we are to obey our parents and treat them with love. One way we can obey our parents is by helping them when they are taking care of a baby brother or sister.

Teacher: Do you like to help Mom or Dad take care of your baby brother or sister? [*Anticipated Response: “Yes, I do.”*]

Teacher: What kinds of things do you do to help? [*Anticipated Response: “Bring Mom a diaper, bottle, blanket, toy, etc.”*]

Teacher: I know your parents appreciate your help. We obey and show that we love and honor our parents by doing the things they ask us to do. We can pick up our clothes and put them away. We can pick up our toys. We can tell them we love them. We can hug our parents. All of these are ways we can honor our parents and live by God’s Fifth Commandment.

LESSON APPLICATION:

Do: Make a color card with a moveable Miriam and a moveable basket boat with baby Moses inside. See directions for art project on the following pages.

MUSIC:

Teach the children the song "God's Law Is Good" sung to the tune of "The Farmer in the Dell."

God's law is good.
God's law is good.
Hi oh, the derry oh, God's law is good!

God's law is great.
God's law is great.
Hi oh, the derry oh, God's law is great!

God's law is true.
God's law is true.
Hi oh, the derry oh, God's law is true!

God's law is love.
God's law is love.
Hi oh, the derry oh, God's law is love!

MEMORY VERSE:

Exodus 20:12a "Honor your father and your mother."

family activity

THE POINT:

Today we learned about God's Fifth Commandment and heard the story of Miriam and her baby brother who was put into a basket boat.

ASK ME...

To tell the story of Miriam and baby Moses.

To sing the song I learned in class called "God's Law Is Good."

FAMILY TOGETHER TIME:

Discuss the Fifth Commandment and keep track of obedience to this command this week. Have your child drop an object such as a bean, coin or button into a jar each time he/she says or does something to honor and obey a parent. At the end of the week tally the number of objects in the jar and celebrate with an appropriate treat.

MEMORY VERSE:

Exodus 20:12a "Honor your father and your mother."

Directions for Art Project

Supplies: Copy of river sheet
Copy of sheet with cutouts of Miriam, baby Moses and the bushes
Green construction paper
Scissors
Crayons
Glue
Craft sticks (two for each student)

Prepare Before Class:

Cut strips of green construction paper into 1-inch widths, with lengths varying from 2 to 5 inches.
Cut dotted lines on the river sheet for Miriam and Moses to glide along.

Directions for the child:

Color the river, Miriam, Moses and bushes.

Clip green strips to make grass, being careful not to cut through entire width of strip.

Cut out Miriam, Moses and the bushes.

Glue Miriam and Moses to top of craft sticks.

Glue bushes and grass strips along side of the river.



When glue has dried, insert Miriam and Moses in appropriate strips and have Miriam follow Moses as he floats along (see illustration below).





