

# **"FOOTSTEPS"**

**Come, follow Me," Jesus said  
Mark 1:17**

## ***Kingdom Kids***

### **The Ten Commandments**

We concluded a study of the Ten Commandments, and we have a *review* this week. It has been our prayer that with each week with a new commandment, you and your children have understood God's desire for obedience; however, we often feel hopeless and guilty when we do disobey. What makes God so wonderful is His unending love and forgiveness, our repentance, and Jesus' death for our sins. It is our faith in Jesus Christ that gives us hope of life.

Just as the children of Israel had completed their desert trek and were being launch into their new land, we are wrapping up their journeys through God's loving laws. Sunday's lesson emphasizes that we have a choice to live as God's treasured possessions, if we obey.

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#### **You need:**

**One Red Washable Marker  
One Red Permanent Marker**

#### ***Dallas Understands***

Tell your child(ren) you are going to read a story, and if they have disobeyed the commandment read, you are going to mark one of their fingers with a red dot. Start with the left thumb, proceed until you mark the Tenth Commandment on the right thumb.

#### **Say:**

There was a boy named Dallas. He was like most people. When he was asked "If you died tonight, would you go to heaven?" Dallas answered, "Yes, I guess so." When asked why God would let him in heaven, Dallas said, "I'm pretty good I mean, "I've never killed anybody, and I don't steal."

Let's see if Dallas' good is good enough for God's standards. You and child repeat the First Commandment together. *"You shall have no other Gods before Me."*

Dallas realized he didn't always worship God alone. "Oh, yeah," Dallas said. Once I prayed to an angel to help me make a free throw." Have you ever prayed to or worshipped anyone but God? If your child admits that they have, mark their left thumb.

Read the Second Commandment together. *"You shall not make any idols."* Dallas didn't think he had made any idols. But he realized that sometimes he loved his video games even more that God? How about you? Have you always put God first in your life? Mark the left index fingers.

Repeat the Third Commandment together. *"You shall not take the Lord our God's name in vain."*

Dallas had an older brother named Dan. Dan only thought Dallas was cool when he used bad language. It had become a bad habit with Dallas. Have you ever spoken God's name in an ugly way? Have you ever said a swear word? Mark your child's and your fingers.

Repeat together the Fourth Commandment. *"Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy."* On Sundays, Dallas went to church --- sometimes. Most of the time, he went fishing. Sometimes a whole month would slip by without his setting aside a special day for God. Have you always remembered and worshipped God? Mark darling children's and your fingers.

Repeat the Fifth Commandment together. *"Honor your father and your mother."* Dallas didn't even have to think hard about this commandment. He knew that he didn't always obey his parents. Sometimes he was sassy to his mom. Have you always respected and obeyed your parents? Mark child's finger and yours.

Repeat the Sixth Commandment together. *"Thou shalt not kill."* "Phew," Dallas thought. "I've never killed anyone." Then he remembered shouting, "Kill him!" when he played his video games. "Oops, I guess in a way, I've even broken that commandment. Ask if they have ever been part of saying yes to violence or no to life. Mark fingers.

Repeat the Seventh Commandment. *"Thou shalt not commit adultery."* (Remain true to our husband or wife.) Dallas was starting to wish he had never been asked all these questions. It

was as if a flashlight were shining into his secret soul. Dallas was happy to learn that God's Seventh Commandment was, "Be true to your husband or wife." He decided he'd just never get married when he grew up. But when I explained that this commandment was about keeping all your promises, he held out his hand to get finger number seven marked.

*Repeat the Eighth Commandment together.* Dallas knew the Eighth Commandment was *"You shall not steal."* "Yes, Ok. Once I stole my sister's gum. But she . . . never mind, just mark my finger, Dallas said. Mark fingers now.

*Repeat the Ninth Commandment.* *"You shall not lie."* Dallas was beginning to wish he could run away and jump into a bathtub. He had broken God's Ninth Commandment, *"You shall not lie,"* lots of times, even though he knew that it's always best to tell the truth. His hands were getting very dirty. Have you always told the truth? Mark fingers now.

When they got to the last commandment, *"You shall not covet."* (want what others have) Dallas couldn't stop thinking about Mark Jacob's four-wheeler. "Oh, boy, I'm breaking this commandment even while I'm learning about it." He hung his head and mumbled, "I guess I'm just helpless."

Then he just stood there, without saying another word.

Ask:

- How does Dallas feel about himself?
- How do you feel about yourself?

**Read this paraphrase of Romans 3:10-20.**

***“There is not one person who is right with God. We have all turned away. We have all sinned. In fact, all the world stands hushed and dirty, and guilty before Almighty God. The more we know of God’s laws, the clearer it becomes that we aren’t obeying them. His law serves to make us see that we are sinners. Our sin is real.”***

**We would be without hope if it were not for the two other red marks on the hands of someone who never broke even one of God’s commandments. Jesus Christ came to earth to die for your sins and mine. Put a mark in the center of each of your hands with the red permanent marker.**

**Jesus let a soldier nail Him to the cross. Since He was perfect, without any sin, God said His death would pay for our sins. Our sin is real, but because of Jesus, our sin is gone!**

**Have the children look at their hands and say, “Our sin is real!” You and the children now wash your hands and say, “Our sin is gone!” Only the two red permanent ink marks will remain.**

**Again . . . What makes God so wonderful is His unending love and forgiveness, our repentance, and Jesus’ death for our sins. It is our faith in Jesus Christ that gives us hope of life.**