

The Ten Commandments

God's laws are the Ten Commandments.

God gave special laws to his people because He loved them.

He wanted them to be safe and happy.

We can show our love for God by following commandments 1-3.

1. I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange gods before me.
(We believe that there is only one God.)
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
(We speak God's name only with love and respect.)
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
(We join our parish each week for Mass on Sunday or Saturday evening. We take time to rest and enjoy our family and friends.)

We can show love for ourselves and others by following commandments 4-10.

4. Honor your father and your mother.
(We listen to and obey our parents and all those who care for us.)
5. You shall not kill.
(We respect all human life. We do not fight or hurt anyone.)
6. You shall not commit adultery.
(We respect our own bodies and the bodies of others.)
7. You shall not steal.
(We take care of what we have. We do not steal what other people have.)
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
(We tell the truth.)
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
(We show that we are thankful for our family and friends.)
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods.
(We show that we are thankful for what we have. We share what we have with others.)