



# CARVED IN STONE

Some of God's Ways for All of God's People



# Remembering the Ten Commandments

לא תגנוב  
לא תענה  
לא תחמד

לא תשא  
זכור את  
שבת את



# Remembering the Ten Commandments

Gum

Is

Very

Sticky

Help

Keep

America

Safe

For

Children



# Remembering the Ten Commandments

G um

I s

V ery

S ticky

H elp

K eep

A merica

S afe

F or

C hildren



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G

I

V

S

H

K

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C

אֱנֹכִי ה' אֱלֹהֵי הַיְהוּדִים  
לֹא יִהְיֶה לִּי אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים  
לֹא תִשָּׂא שֵׁם ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
בַּבְּטוּלָה  
זָכוֹר אֶת יוֹם הַשַּׁבָּת  
לַעֲשׂוֹת  
כְּבוֹד אֶת אֲבוֹתֶיךָ  
לֹא תִקַּח אֵשֶׁת אֶת  
אֵשֶׁת אֲחֵיךָ  
לֹא תִגְנוֹב  
לֹא תִעַנֶה  
לֹא תִחַמְדֵּךְ



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**G** = No other gods

**K** = No killing

**I** = No idols

**A** = No adultery

**V** = No vain speech

**S** = No Stealing

**S** = Keep the Sabbath

**F** = No false witness

**H** = Honor parents

**C** = No coveting



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לֹא תֵעָרֵב אֱלֹהִים אֵת  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ יְהוָה אֶחָד  
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No rivals to God's authority



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It's one thing to get Israel out of Egypt; it's another thing to get Egypt out of Israel.



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לא תנאף  
לא תגנוב  
לא תענה  
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לא תשא  
זכור את  
שמי את

*God's people are to worship  
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# The Violation of the First Commandment

לא תשא  
לא תגנוב  
לא תענה  
לא תחמד

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King Solomon

אֱלֹהִים אֲחֵרִים  
לֹא תִגְדֹּל  
לֹא תִשָּׂא  
זְכוֹר אֶת  
יְהוָה אֱלֹהֶיךָ  
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1 Kings 11:4-6

אֲנֹכִי יְהוָה  
לֹא תֵאָבֵד  
לֹא תִשָּׂא  
זְכוֹר אֶת  
בְּרִית אֶת  
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לֹא תַעֲנֶה  
לֹא תִחַמֵּד



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The time/effort we spend on ourselves vs.  
the time/effort we spend on the things of  
God.



# The Revelation of the First Commandment

אֱלֹהֵינוּ  
אֶחָד  
לֹא תִגְנוֹב  
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Question: Is God not humble? Is he a narcissistic God?



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God is the very definition of humility—to have infinite power to compel submission while allowing himself to be rejected.



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לֹא תִעֲנֶה  
לֹא תִחַמַּד

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Tolerance is a biblical value, but syncretism is not.



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