

The Idea Hoarder

For the Activity Collector in You

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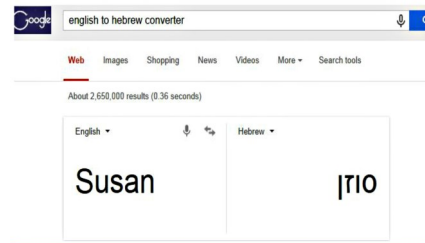
Look what I found!



Game: CARVED IN STONE
Object: Get your partner to guess which of the Ten Commandments you are trying to draw in your clay. Provide balls of play clay to partners. One partner will draw (using the end of a paintbrush or something else) and one will guess. Make cards that have each of the Ten Commandments written out on them. Draw a card out of a basket and only show it to the partner who is going to draw. When you say "GO!", the partner giving the clue will flatten out their play clay ball and attempt to draw in it to help their partner guess the commandment. No numbers or letters! When someone guesses correctly, reward them and have the partners switch roles. Draw a card, say "GO!", and let them draw a picture clue. After each commandment is guessed, place it on a poster next to its proper number (1-10). Teams can be as big as needed.



Craft: HEBREW WRITING
 Remind the kids that although we often see and read the Ten Commandments in our own language, they were probably written by God in Hebrew so that the people could understand them. What does Hebrew writing look like? Hebrew reads right to left. **אתה לא יהיה כל אלים אחרים לפניי.**
 This example is the first commandment written in Hebrew. For younger kids, show samples of the Ten Commandments written in Hebrew; have their name printed in Hebrew for them to copy. For older kids, do a computer search for "English to Hebrew" and let them type in their name or a commandment. Have them try to duplicate it by hand. Provide markers, or paint and brushes, and brown paper. Tear the edges of the paper to look like stone. God wants to communicate with us in ways we understand!



Bible Skill: THE BIBLE IN THE BIBLE
Object: introduce kids to tools that can be used to study the Bible. Use the following cross references to find where else in the Bible the Ten Commandments are mentioned. Provide Bible tools like a concordance, a dictionary, etc. Show kids how to use each one. Let them explore the Ten Commandments using these research tools. To motivate them, hide numbered slips of paper in the pages. If they find one, have them show you what says in that place, then you can give a treat that has the matching number. Remind them that the Bible is true and there are no contradictions in it! Remind them that the Bible is about real things, not made up stories. The places are real; the people are real; the amazing happenings are real! For more cross-references try www.openbible.info/labs/cross-references/search

Exodus 20:3	Deut. 5:7
Exodus 20: 4	Lev. 26:1
Exodus 20:5	Num. 14:18
Exodus 20:6	Deut. 7:9
Exodus 20:7	Lev. 19:12
Exodus 20:9	Lev. 23:3
Exodus 20:10	Luke 23:56
Exodus 20:12	Mark 7:10

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