God Shows Us the Way (1/22/23)

Main Verses: Deuteronomy 4:12-14 Key Verse: Deuteronomy 4:13

'Takeaway': When God wanted to teach his people how to be his people, he gave them ten

commands to show them the way.

Getting Started: Do you have any "family rules" that everyone in your family follows?

READ: Deuteronomy 4:12-14 (or have older kids help read).

Some **QUESTIONS** to consider:

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- Can you think of one of these Commandments (We can read them in 5:6-21)?

Here are some **IMPORTANT IDEAS** we discover in these verses:

Toddler/PreK:

- Moses reminded the now grown-up Israelites of what they heard when they were younger.
- God's commands were spoken out loud to Israel and written on two stone tablets.
- God gave the Ten Commandments to show the people how to live in relationship with him, and in relationship with others.
- The Ten Commandments are a wonderful summary of God's whole law, helping us do what's right and reject what's wrong.
- Jesus lived out these Commandments perfectly, and died for law breakers like us, so we can have a new heart to grow in obedience to God.

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- Moses reminded the now grown-up Israelites of what they heard when they were younger.
- God's commands were spoken out loud to Israel and written on two stone tables.
- God's law (covenant) is relational—it teaches his people how to live in relationship with him and with others.
- The Ten Commandments are a wonderful summary of this teaching, helping us do what is right and reject what is wrong.
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An **ENCOURAGEMENT** in light of God's word:

(Toddler/PreK) Talk to God. Thank him for his Word. Thank God that as we learn about his Word, we learn more about God and how he wants us to live. Ask God to help you to learn more each day, and to help you to walk in his way every day. Also thank God for Jesus, who, because he obeyed God's commands perfectly, could be the spotless Lamb of God for us.

(Elementary) Talk to God. Thank him for his Word. Thank God that we have access to his Word, and to him, at all times. Ask God to help you to want to study his Word, and to open your heart to learn more about him as you read his Word. Ask God to guide your steps every day, showing you how to live for him with your whole heart. Also thank God for Jesus, who, because he obeyed God's commands perfectly, could be the spotless Lamb of God for us.

