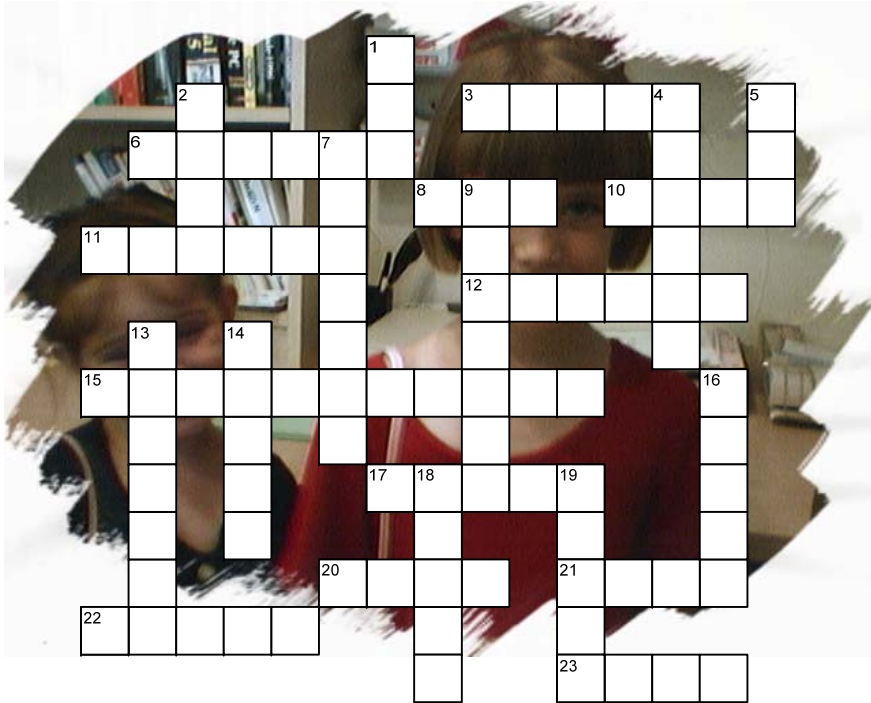


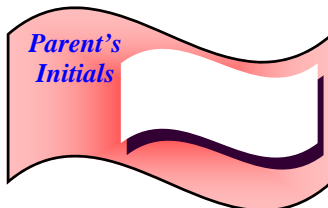
# Crossword Puzzle



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| <p>3. We are a people of ____.</p> <p>6. The _____ Commandment.</p> <p>8. Though some idols have eyes, they cannot ____.</p> <p>10. The idols cannot help nor ____ anyone.</p> <p>11. The Lord Jesus ____.</p> <p>12. The idols cannot hear nor answer ____.</p> <p>15. The Second ____.</p> <p>17. The Lord ____.</p> <p>20. The ____ Jesus.</p> <p>21. Our God is the ____ true God.</p> <p>22. Though some idols have mouths, they cannot ____.</p> <p>23. The nations had gods for the sun, _____, and stars.</p> | <p>1. The only true ____.</p> <p>2. Though some idols have ears, they cannot ____.</p> <p>4. God created everything in ____ and on earth.</p> <p>5. There is only ____ true God.</p> <p>7. The ____ did not know the true God.</p> <p>9. Only the Lord Jesus is able to ____ the true God.</p> <p>13. The nations would bow down and _____ things that were made by men.</p> <p>14. God commanded His children not to make any kind of ____.</p> <p>16. The nations offered gifts to idols, hoping to make them ____.</p> <p>18. God created everything in heaven and on _____.</p> |
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## The Ten Commandments

- Lesson Four -

### The Second Commandment (1)

#### I. Overview.

Our God is a jealous God. This is because He doesn't want us to worship anyone or anything else but Himself. This is because He is the only true God. Some religions utilize images or statues to represent their god to them. But the Lord Jesus is God's only true image and expression. We shouldn't try to make any other kind of image to represent Him.



Because we are a people of faith, we shouldn't desire to have some kind of visual pictures of God. As Christians, we love and believe in our God, whom we have not yet seen. But we are waiting in faith for His appearing. Then we shall all see Him. We should never make any kind of image to bow down to or to worship. We belong to our God alone.

Since the whole creation came into being through God, nothing man-made could ever represent Him. Only the Lord Jesus is God's true image.

#### II. Memory Verse.

**“You shall not make for yourself an idol.... You shall not bow down to them and you shall not serve them.”**

(Exo. 20:4a, 5a)

### III. Lesson.

#### The Second Commandment

In the Second Commandment, God commanded His people that they were not to make any carved images of things in the heavens, or on the earth, or in the water. Neither were they to bow down to any images or serve them. All these kinds of images are idols, made by human hands, and are an insult to God.

God is unique. He is the only one. There is no God besides Him. He is the invisible God. His only image is the Lord Jesus Christ. Only the Lord Jesus is able to express the invisible and true God in a perfect way.

#### The Nations Worshipped Idols

The nations who lived around the children of Israel did not know the true God, the Creator of the heavens and the earth. In their ignorance, the nations supposed that there were many gods. They would pray to them and offer gifts to them, hoping to make them happy. They thought that there were good gods, such as the sun god, the moon god, the star gods and the rain god, etc. They also believed that there were evil gods, such as a storm god and a lightning god.

The nations would make images to represent these gods. They would bow down and worship them. They would pray to them, hoping that the “gods” would do good to them.



It is foolish to think that any kind of man-made image could see, or hear or answer prayer. But the nations that did not know God thought it was true.

The Bible tells us in the Psalms, that although the idols have mouths, they

cannot speak, although they have ears, they cannot hear. The idols are only the work of the hands of men. They cannot see our needs, they cannot hear our prayers, and they cannot speak to our hearts. They cannot help nor save anyone.

#### We Serve the One True God

Although we have never seen our God, we love Him and believe in Him. We know that the Lord Jesus is His true image and expression. Today, to us the Lord is invisible. He comes to us as the Spirit. There will be a day, when the Lord returns, that we will all see Him. Until then we need to wait for His coming in faith and not desire to have any kind of image to represent Him.

#### --- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why is our God a jealous God?  
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2. What kind of persons are we as Christians?  
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3. Why should we not make any kind of images?  
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4. When will we see God?  
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5. Why did the nations have many “gods”?  
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