Learn by Doing

Choice 10 Commandments Mobile



The Writings for the New Church tell us that in heaven the Lord appears to people in the sun, which represents His great love for all people. In this project, children create a mobile showing the Lord in the spiritual sun and themselves on earth, connected by the Ten Commandments in a paper chain.

1. Did you know that obeying the commandments connects us with the Lord? They form a kind of link between earth and heaven. They teach us how to live, so learning them and trying to follow them is one of the most important things we can do.
2. Hand a copy of *Heaven—Commandments Mobile* (p. 2) to each student. Cut out the circle around the Lord, not quite cutting the two circles apart if possible.
3. Carefully cut apart the strips with the commandments written on them. Tape the first commandment into a tear drop shape. Then tape the two ends near the bottom of the back of one of the circles with the Lord. Fold the circles back to back and tape together.
4. Tape two ends of a piece of ribbon, yarn or string to the back of the top of one of the circles with the Lord. Fold the two circles over back to back and tape them together.
5. Put the second commandment strip through the first and tape it together into a circle. Do this process with commandments 3-8, making them into a chain. Do the same with the 9-10 commandment strip, only make that one into a tear drop shape like the first one.
6. Put out copies of *Earth—Commandments Mobile* (pp. 3-4). Children will each choose a figure to use to represent themselves on earth. Cut out the circles, not quite cutting them apart if possible. Tape the end of the 10th commandment to the back of one of the circles. Fold the circles back to back and tape them together to complete the mobile.

Materials Needed for Each Child

copy of *Heaven-Commandments Mobile* p. 2 and *Earth-Commandments Mobile* pp. 3-4; scissors; tape; 6”-8” (15cm-20cm) of string, yarn or ribbon

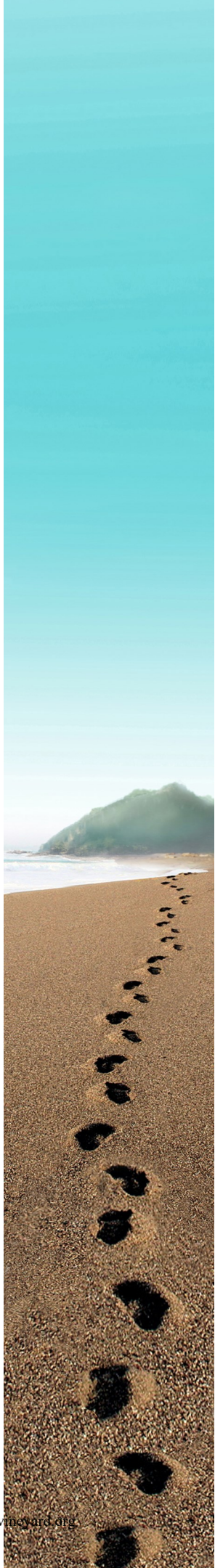
Prepare in Advance

Print *Heaven-Commandments Mobile* (p. 2) for each child and enough copies of the *Earth-Commandments Mobile* pp. 3-4 for all children to have a choice of figures.

New Church Concept Ten Commandments

Such great holiness and power were in [the Ten Commandments], because they were the summary of the whole of religion. *True Christian Religion* 286

People who live according to the commandments are conjoined with the Lord. For the commandments teach life and also give life. *Arcana Coelestia* 8767



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You shall have no other gods before Me.	1st
You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.	2nd
Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.	3rd
Honor your father and your mother.	4th
You shall not murder	5th
You shall not commit adultery.	6th
You shall not steal.	7th
You shall not bear false witness.	8th
You shall not covet	9th & 10th

Heaven—Commandments Mobile

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