Learn by Doing

Choice Hebrew Commandments

The Ten Commandments are in the Old Testament, which is written in Hebrew. The Writings tell us that the Hebrew language is similar to the language of the ancients. It also resembles the way the Word is written in heaven (*De Verbo* 4). Each letter has a special meaning so that angels reading the Word get meaning from each letter. Hebrew is also like the language angels speak (*Heaven and Hell* 237). This activity introduces part of each of the Ten Commandments in Hebrew. A video is provided so children can listen to the Ten Commandments being read in Hebrew.



1. People all over the world speak in different languages. How many languages can you name?
2. In what languages is the Word written? (Old Testament: Hebrew; New Testament: Greek; Writings for the New Church: Latin)
3. The Ten Commandments are in the Old Testament. In what language were they written? (Hebrew)
4. Hand out *Ten Commandments in Hebrew*, p. 2. Languages can be written in different directions. English is written from left to right; Hebrew is written from the right to left.
5. We will trace over or color in the Hebrew letters of the Ten Commandments to find out what it is like to write in Hebrew. Start on the right hand side of the First Table. Start at the top of the page on the right, go across the page to the left and then down each page.
6. While we are working we will listen to the Ten Commandments being read in Hebrew. Ten Commandments in Hebrew Video online at https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/video-the-ten-commandments-in-hebrew/

Materials Needed

copy of *Hebrew Commandments* p. 2 for each child, markers or pencils, internet access and equipment to hear the Ten Commandments in Hebrew

Prepare in Advance

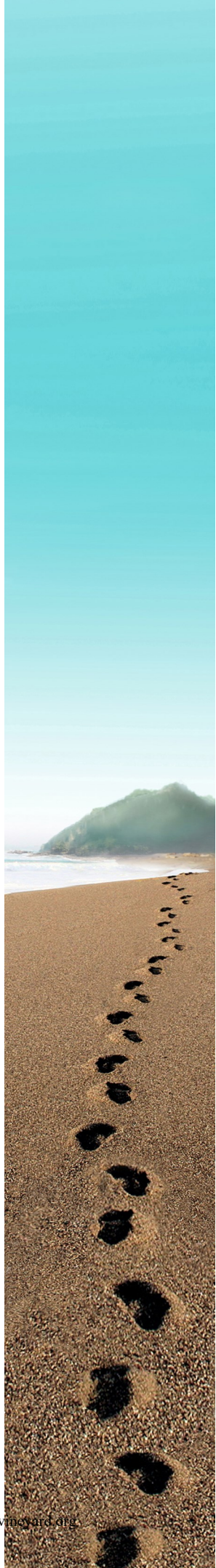
Print *Hebrew Commandments* p. 2. Prepare video if you wish to use it (see link in lesson).

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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Hebrew Ten Commandments Table 2

לא תרצח

לא תנאף

לא תגנב

לא תענה

לא תחמד

לא תחמד אשת

Hebrew Ten Commandments Table 1

יהוה אנכי

לא לשוא

זכור חשבת

כבד את־אביך

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