

50-Day Adventure Companion Journal

COMMANDMENTS
LOVING GOD & LOVING PEOPLE

BIG VALLEY GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to Big Valley Grace's 50 Day Adventure through the Ten Commandments! This devotional journal is to be used in conjunction with our weekend teaching series on the Ten Commandments.

This journal includes ten sections, one for each commandment. Each section offers a page for weekly sermon notes; a place to write or draw personal reflections, life goals or prayers; discussion questions to help you dig deeper into each command; a recommended passage of Scripture to memorize; and, five daily devotionals written by BVG pastoral staff and lay leaders.

Jesus told His disciples that He came to fulfill the commands, not to abolish them and that whoever would keep and teach the commands would be called great in the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-19). Jesus also said that all of these commands can be boiled down to two: love God with all of our heart, soul and mind, and love our neighbor as ourselves (Matthew 22:36-40).

Therefore, it is our prayer and hope that through this series our church family will grow deeper in our love and worship of the Lord, and that we will be energized to love our neighbors sacrificially in order that Christ might be seen and others might be drawn to Christ.

May the Lord bless you and draw you nearer to Him as you study and apply His Word to your life!

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HOW TO USE THIS JOURNAL

“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip His people to do every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

You are about to enter a wonderful journey with Christ in studying His Word. This journal is designed to help you and your family and friends dig deeper into the Word and apply the Word to your life. Each section is designed to help you interact with one of the commands and to explore the various themes associated with each command.

This journal is designed to engage various learning styles throughout the week to allow the Word to reach our minds, hearts, souls and lives through as many means as possible. We hope one or more of these interactions will help God’s truth come to life for you.

Have fun!

SERMON NOTES (auditory)

A lined page for you to take important notes covered by each of the weekend teachers. As your thoughts are stimulated, write them down here for future reference.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (oral, social)

Facilitate conversation and discussion around your dinner table as a family or with friends who are praying and supporting you through these questions crafted to get everyone talking.

JOURNAL (creative, visual)

Bullet journal pages are included to encourage you interact with the Word through artistic expression. Goals, action steps, prayers and reactions to the Word can be listed here. For more ideas on how to use these pages creatively, check out Bible journaling or bullet journals on Pinterest <pinterest Bible journaling>.

MY PRAYER (reflective)

We encourage you to write out your prayers as the Lord speaks to you through His Word. Write your prayer as a personal letter to the Lord about what you are discovering, expressions of gratitude, and your requests.

DAILY DEVOTIONAL (solitary)

Five daily devotionals written by BVG staff and active members help carry the impact of the command throughout the week into your daily quiet time. Each devotional covers a theme that identifies with one of the commands, a personal story and application. Take time to go deeper each day using the Reflect questions on the backside of each devotional.

SCRIPTURE MEMORY (all styles can be implemented)

Make an effort for you and your family to memorize the Ten Commandments over the next ten weeks. There is incredible value in hiding God's Word in one's heart! We have a special gift that we would like to give to each family/person who successfully memorizes this passage of Scripture.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSES

Memorize all Ten Commandments and receive a special gift from BVG—a frammable copy of the Ten Commandments.

(See page 209 for details.)

WEEK 1: Exodus 20:2-3

“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before Me.”

WEEK 2: Exodus 20:4-6

“You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”

WEEK 3: Exodus 20:7

“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not leave him unpunished who takes His name in vain.”

WEEK 4: Exodus 20:8-11

“Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath of the LORD your God; in it you shall not do any work, you or your son or your daughter, your male or your female servant or your cattle or your sojourner who stays with you. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and made it holy.”

WEEK 5: Exodus 20:12

“Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

WEEK 6: Exodus 20:13

“You shall not murder.”

WEEK 7: Exodus 20:14

“You shall not commit adultery.”

WEEK 8: Exodus 20:15

“You shall not steal.”

WEEK 9: Exodus 20:16

“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

WEEK 10: Exodus 20:17

“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife or his male servant or his female servant or his ox or his donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”