



# Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

October 5, 2014

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Narrative Lectionary

**Matthew 21:33-46**

**Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17**



**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia. Jesus says, I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will last. Alleluia (John 15:16)

## Word Search Puzzle

W G Y O F W S T R P E B H T A  
 G A E Q A O E M D S F Y O H D  
 D P U E G V E S U O K Q N I U  
 L S M N O S H O E R N Y O D L  
 W A O C U T H K E V D K R O T  
 N L L S L I S H Y X E E E L E  
 Y R I O D A T S Q A G N R Y R  
 A M E B R A R T A K J Q T O Y  
 F M L M F D S L N B Q W B H W  
 E A O D E S T E A L B H Y R O  
 R C L T P M M J U K G A K O R  
 W N S S H L B W T I Y A T N S  
 I Z W S E E G E E L U L C H H  
 F H H O L Y R N R F L I V E I  
 E L R C P T E S T I M O N Y P

SABBATH	NAME	MURDER	LIVE	HOUSE
WIFE	FALSE	REMEMBER	DAY	IDOL
COVET	WORSHIP	MOTHER	LONG	FATHER
LORD	NEIGHBOR	DONKEY	SEVENTH	STEAL
MISUSE	HONOR	ADULTERY	TESTIMONY	HOLY

**Guidance From God.** *Object:* A gyroscope. (If you are unable to locate a gyroscope, you could use a compass and adapt the sermon to fit, but a gyroscope would be a better attention-getter.) You might also wish to make a poster with a simplified version of the Ten Commandments that you could show at the appropriate time during the sermon.

How many of you have ever seen a gyroscope? A gyroscope is a very interesting object and I have brought one to show you this morning. If you have ever played with a gyroscope, you know that they can do all sorts of interesting tricks. They can balance on string, on your finger, or on the tip of a pencil. I can remember spending many hours playing with a gyroscope when I was a child. In fact, I thought the gyroscope was a toy!

A gyroscope is not a toy! It is actually a very important piece of scientific equipment. For example, an airplane uses gyroscopes in its compass and autopilot system to keep it flying in the right direction. The Russian's Mir space station uses gyroscopes to help keep it in the right position. The Space Shuttle uses gyroscopes to help keep it pointed in the right direction. Gyroscopes are even used to keep track of the movements of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Just as airplanes, space shuttles, space stations, and space telescopes need help from the gyroscope to keep them pointed in the right direction, you and I need help in keeping our life pointed in the right direction. God has given us just the right guidance system needed to keep our life headed in the right direction. It is called the Ten Commandments.

(Hold up the poster, if you made one, and read the Ten Commandments to the children.)

Now that God has given us the guidance system we need to keep our life on the right course, it is up to us to put that guidance system into operation in our daily life.

Heavenly Father, help us to follow the guidance that you have given to us to make sure that our life is headed in the right direction. Amen.

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**THINK FAST!** Everyone sit in a circle and read over the commandments again for review. You start off by holding a ball (or anything) and naming one of the commandments. Pass the ball to the next person and they name another. The first person who gets stumped, gets up and moves to the beginning next to you. You start over (name a different commandment to help them out) then pass the ball to the person who just sat down next to you (because you've started over that person can say one that's already been said). There is no winner – the object is to get all the way around the circle (more than once if you have to – if you have less than 10 people) without repeating a commandment and without anyone having to get up and go to the beginning. If you have more than 10, split up in two groups. Are they enjoying the challenge? If so, see if you can do it a second time and beat your time! Race against yourself!

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

(EXODUS 19:20-20:17)



And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery."

Exodus 20:1-2 (NIV)

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