

Ten Commandments Memory Trick

1. [Hold up your first finger and say,] God said, **Do not have any gods but Me** because I'm number one.
2. **Do not worship idols** because if you do, you will have two gods. [Hold up 2 fingers.]
3. **Keep God's name holy**. What do we have three of? Names: first, middle, and last. That's how you remember #3.
4. The first 4 commandments teach us how to love God and the other six teach us how to love other people. On the last day of creation God rested; the last of the commandments that talks about how to love God is **Set aside a special day for God**. We are to rest and reflect upon how good and wonderful God is just like God rested on the 7th day and reflected on how good His creation was.
5. This is the first commandment that talks about our relationship with other people and who are the first people you should honor and obey after God? Your parents! You are to **Honor your father and mother**.
6. Put up six fingers. The hand with all fingers up is a Man. The hand with one finger up is a gun. (Shoot the "Man!" **Do not murder!**)
7. Put up five fingers on one hand and two fingers on the other. The two fingers represent a husband and a wife. Cross your fingers and explain that when two people get married they become one person. **Be true to your husband or wife**.
8. **Do not steal**. In some countries when you get caught stealing they cut off a finger. If you got caught stealing twice and how many fingers would you have left? 8! [An alternative way to remember #8 is that it's shaped like a cookie jar. You may really want to get a cookie without asking for it, but that would be stealing!]
9. This commandment has nine words in it: *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor*. All that means **you shall not lie**.
10. Put up ten fingers; then make tight fists; reach out with your hands and then pull them in as if grabbing something. God doesn't want us to have the greedy "gimmies." He wants us to be contented and thankful for what we've got. That means **Do not to want what others have**.