

# God's Directions for Life: You Shall Have No Other Gods Before Me

Opening Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for your loving laws. Please help us to worship you alone. We want to learn to only rely on you for everything we need. We love you, God. Amen.

Introduction:

Each week we are going to be talking about one of the commandments. Look up Exodus 20:1-3 to find the first commandment.

What do you think “you shall have not other gods before me” means? Yes, it does mean that we should worship God. But it also means that we should rely only on God.

When you have to make a decision, who or what do you look to for help?

When you are scared or anxious, who or what makes do you talk to for comfort?

When you want to know the right thing to do, where do you go for guidance?

Worshipping only God means that God is who you rely on in all of these situations. While it is alright to talk to a trusted person or uses resources to find information, we should go to God first and seek His guidance in where else to go. In every part of your life you want God to be #1!

Game: Hearts Full

You will need two bowls and a spoon (choose size depending on how difficult you want the game to be). Use small balls of at least 2 colors or crumple paper into balls. Choose one color to be your “God” color. Fill one bowl with only this color. Fill the second bowl with a variety of colors.

Say, “Having God be #1 in your life means you give your whole heart to God. But sometimes are hearts get full of other things, like friends or sports. Next to you is a bowl representing all the things that take room in our hearts. At the front is a bowl full of God. On your turn you take a ball from your bowl, drop it in the front bowl and take a God bowl back. We’ll continue until

everyone's bowl hearts are full of God." Line everyone up for a relay race. See how long it takes or divide into teams.

Discuss:

The Ten Commandments are ten rules that God gave to Moses for the people of Israel to obey. Obeying rules helps keep us safe, healthy and happy. Rules help us to have a good relationship, to get along well with God and with other people.

There is something special about the order in which God gave us the Ten Commandments. The first four commandments tell us how to have a good relationship with God, and the last six commandments tell us how to have a good relationship with other people. This order matches - with what Jesus said the 2 greatest commandments are in Matthew 22:37-39:

Jesus replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.

What are some of the things that we sometimes worship other than God? What are some things we sometimes rely on other than God?

As said before relying on God doesn't mean you can't use other things like your parent's advice or a book to help you, but it does mean you put him first. How can you do this?

Craft: Valentine to God



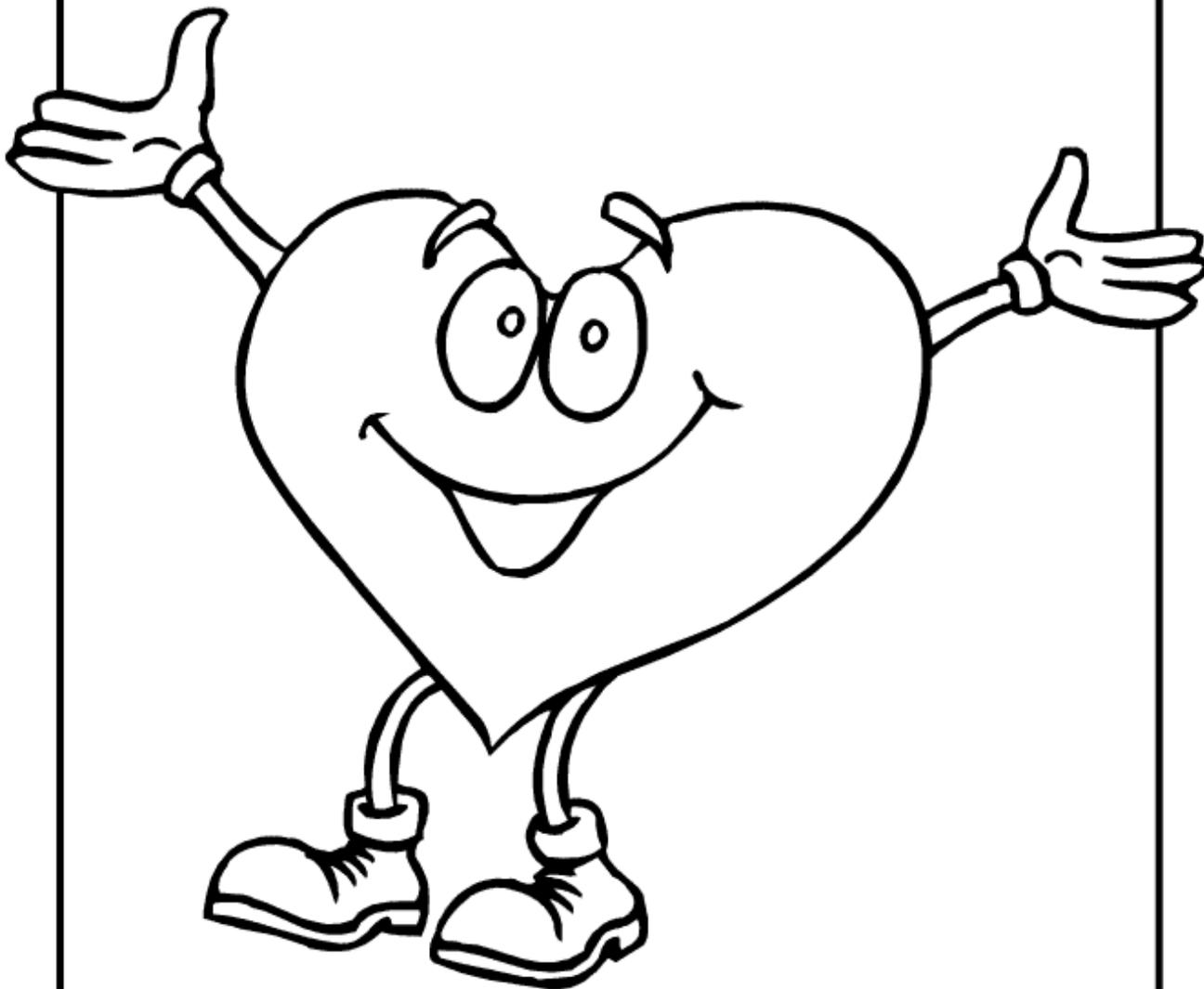
Supplies: 2 sheets of paper, glue, a marker

Make a silly Valentine to celebrate God's love. Cut 2 long strips from one piece of paper. Accordion fold the strips. From the rest of that paper cut 2 hands and 2 circles for eyes. From the second paper cut a heart. Glue your cut-outs to the heart. Add a Bible verse about God's love, like John 3:16

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, you created us and love us always. We know you sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Because of this you deserve to be worshipped by us. Please help us to worship you only and to fully rely on you. Amen.

***I love God with all my heart!***



***Deuteronomy 6:5***

