**Key Passages**

**Bible Drill Devotions**

***Green Cycle***

**1. THE TEN COMMANDMENTS Exodus 20:3-17**

**Key Verse/s** *All the verses are key verses. Think about it. If God chose to narrow down how to live with God and the people around us into ten statements, don’t you think all ten statements are very important?*

**Why Is This Key Passage Important?** There are two, and only two ways, to live one’s life. One way is to live by LOVE and the other way is to live by the LAW. Humans have developed books and books of laws; but all that people have written can be narrowed down to the Ten Commandments that GOD WROTE.

**Lesson – The first four commandments are about our relationship to God.**

**Commandment 1 There is Only One God.**

**Commandment 2 Don’t Make an Idol to Worship.**

*Even more importantly, don’t have ANYTHING in your life that is so important (baseball, football, cheerleading, boyfriend, girlfriend, a car, or things like that) that you think more about it and give more time to it than you do to God.*

**Commandment 3 Do Not Misuse God’s Name.**

*Back when Moses received the Ten Commandments people would not even say God’s name. We have come a long way from that kind of respect. Don’t answer this question out loud, but think about how people misuse God’s name today. WAIT! DON’T DO WHAT I JUST ASKED! Don’t even think about those words. It is better that you show the respect that God deserves by not*

*even thinking of a misuse of His name. Keep your mind clean – don’t think it, don’t stay around people who misuse God’s name.*

**Commandment 4 Remember the Sabbath & Keep it Holy.**

*Of all the commandments, this is the only one that is a process that can be measured. All the others are do’s or don’ts. You either do it or you don’t. Very little attention is given to remembering the Sabbath and keeping it holy. Yet, it is a COMMANDMENT. How important is this commandment? Would you believe it is important enough that God says it over and over throughout the Bible? Between fifty and sixty times God says it in the Bible. It is IMPORTANT to Him, and it should be important to us.*

**The next six commandments are about how we should relate to others.**

**Commandment 5 How we should relate to FAMILY – Honor/Respect Your Parents**

**Commandment 6 How to relate to others – Do Not Murder**

**Commandment 7** **How we should relate in MARRIAGE – Be Faithful in Marriage to Your Husband/Wife**

**Commandment 8 Another one on relating to others – Do Not Steal**

**Commandment 9 And another one relating to others – Do Not Tell Lies about Others**

**Commandment 10 Do not want anything that belongs to someone else – Do Not Covet.**

*What is the difference between this and stealing? (Answer – Stealing is linked completely to the act itself, in which someone takes that which belongs to another. Coveting has to do with an attitude deep within. It involves desires that are so strong that one is willing to reach out and take, or commit other unacceptable acts, to satisfy those desires. It also, more often than not, involves an attitude of dislike or hate that lingers on toward the person from which you want to take something.*

*After nine commands that either focus on God or outer behavior, the tenth command enters the realm of the heart and mind. It concentrates on a person's thoughts, motives and attitudes.*