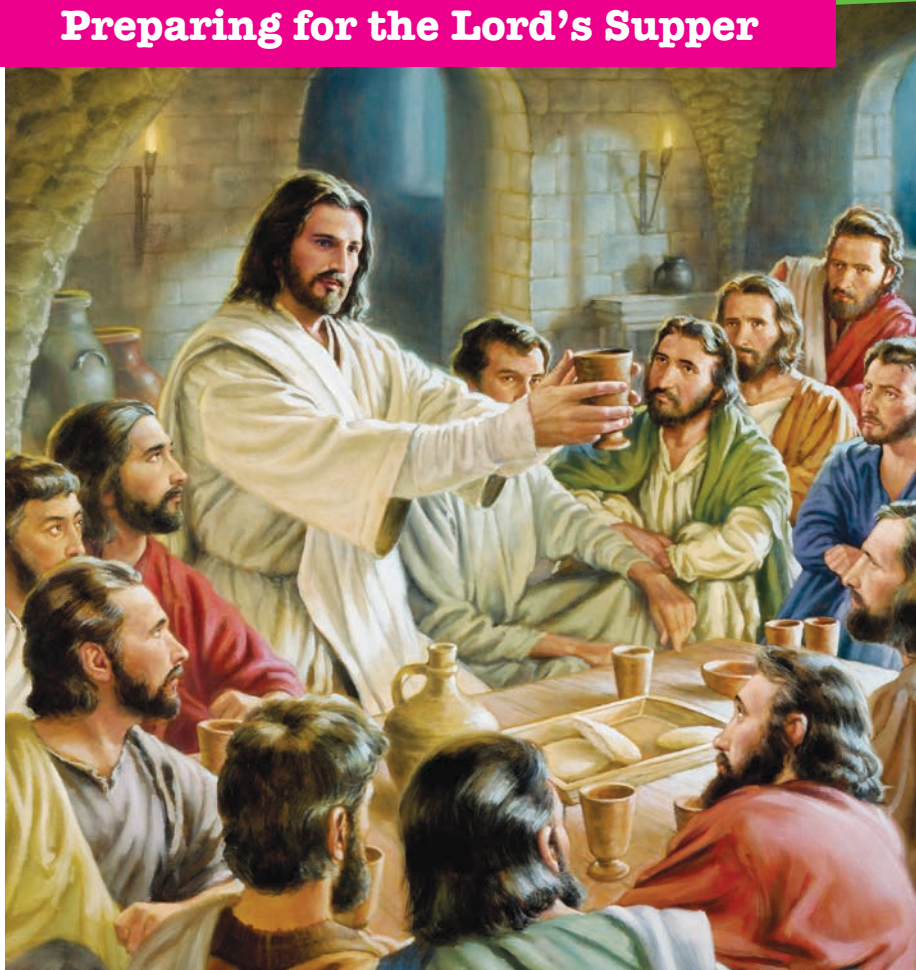


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# The Law and Giving Myself a Test

## Key Verse

Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. 1 Corinthians 11:28

## Drama

### If Mirrors Could Talk

(NARRATOR [N] stands Stage R. Three players [M1, M2, M3] stand Stage L, facing the audience, each holding a large mirror. GIRL stands Center Stage.)

**N:** Once there was a girl who had three mirrors. These were not ordinary mirrors. These mirrors talked. The girl loved the mirrors because they always said something that made her feel good. When she didn't like how she looked, she went to her first mirror and asked,

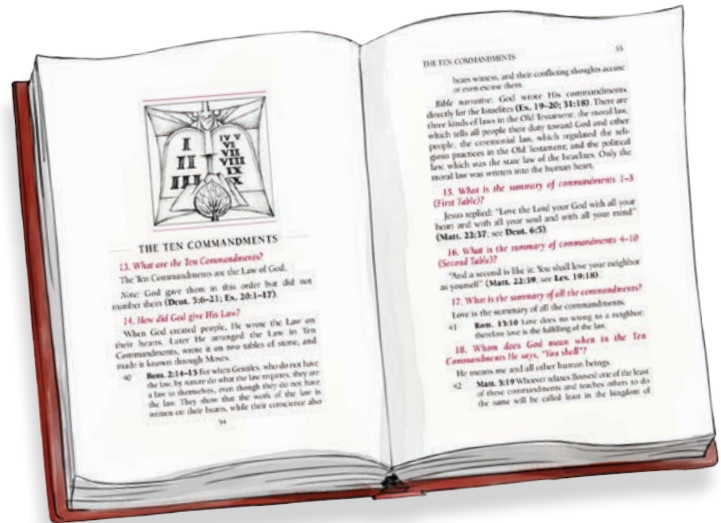
**GIRL:** (Moves to M1; stands in front of it) Tell me, mirror, what do you see?

**M1:** I see a very pretty person.

**GIRL:** Pretty, you say?

**M1:** The prettiest of all.

**N:** And the girl smiled, thinking herself to be the prettiest girl of all. (Girl moves to M2, standing in front of it.) When the girl was feeling very guilty about having done something wrong, she said,



**GIRL:** I feel terrible. I shouldn't have done it.

**N:** And she looked into her second mirror with all her guilt, and the mirror said,

**M2:** Don't feel bad. You're a good person.

**GIRL:** Good, you say?

**M2:** The very best of all.

**N:** And the girl smiled, thinking herself to be very good, even though she had done something bad. (*GIRL moves to M3, standing in front of it.*) When the girl doubted herself, when she wondered if she could do what she had to do, she thought,

**GIRL:** I don't think I can do this. I am too weak. I'll never be able to do it.

**N:** She looked into her third mirror with all her doubt, and the mirror said,

**M3:** Yes, you can. You can do it. You're strong.

**GIRL:** Strong, you say?

**M3:** The strongest of all.

**N:** The girl loved her mirrors, all right. They made her feel pretty and good

and strong. Yet something inside of her made her wonder if she could trust these mirrors that always told her what she wanted to hear. (*GIRL moves to M1.*)

**M1:** The prettiest. (*GIRL moves to M2.*)

**M2:** The best. (*GIRL moves to M3.*)

**M3:** The strongest.

**N:** She wondered about the mirrors that talked and if they could be trusted.

### Discuss:

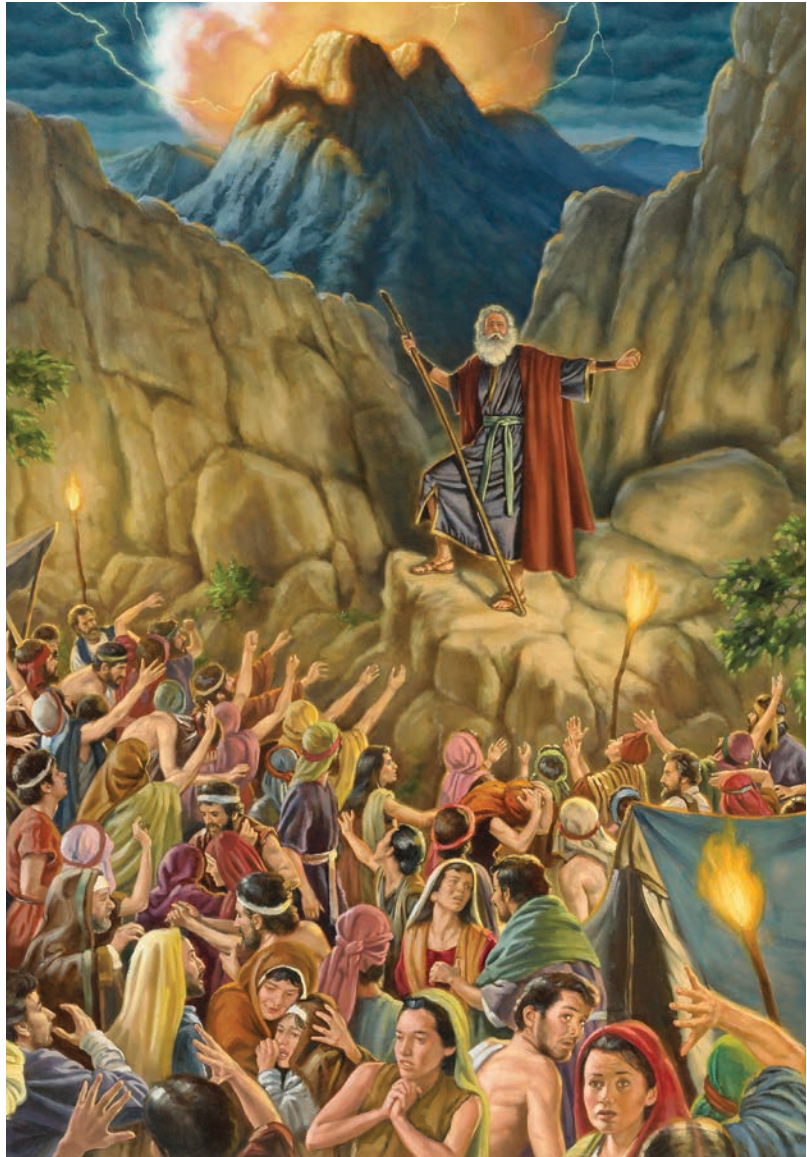
1. Why do you think the girl loved her mirrors?
2. Why do you think she wondered if they could be trusted?
3. What's wrong with only looking at the good in us and never seeing the bad?
4. How do you know if you've done something wrong?

### Looking for Answers

1. Describe the three ways the Law of God functions in our lives. How is each important?  
Curb—1 Timothy 1:9  
  
Mirror—Romans 3:20  
  
Rule—Psalm 119:105
2. Because God is holy and just, what does He require of every person? Read Matthew 5:48. How well have you lived up to God's standard?
3. If honest, what must we confess? See 1 John 1:8.
4. What do we deserve because of our sin? Read Romans 6:23.
5. What does God teach us in His Word concerning sin?
  - a. 1 John 3:4
  - b. Psalm 51:5
  - c. Romans 8:7
  - d. Galatians 5:19–21
6. Why is using the Law as a mirror so important as we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper?
7. What does using the Law as a mirror show me about myself?
8. What do you conclude about yourself as you look into the mirror of God's Law?
9. Considering your conclusion, why is it important for you to receive the Lord's Supper? See Matthew 26:26–28.

## What Do You See?

1. What elements of this work of art indicate God's presence? See also Exodus 19:17–19.
2. What emotion are the people expressing in this picture? See Exodus 20:18.
3. Note the position of Moses in the picture, standing as the intermediary between God and His people. How does Moses in this picture remind us of Jesus?



**The Ten Commandments**

## Taking It Home

Spend at least 10 minutes discussing with a parent the following questions:

1. How is God's Law important to you?
2. How do you prepare for the Lord's Supper?
3. What do you receive from God when you eat His body and drink His blood in the Lord's Supper?
4. Share a time when going to the Lord's Supper was especially important to you.