



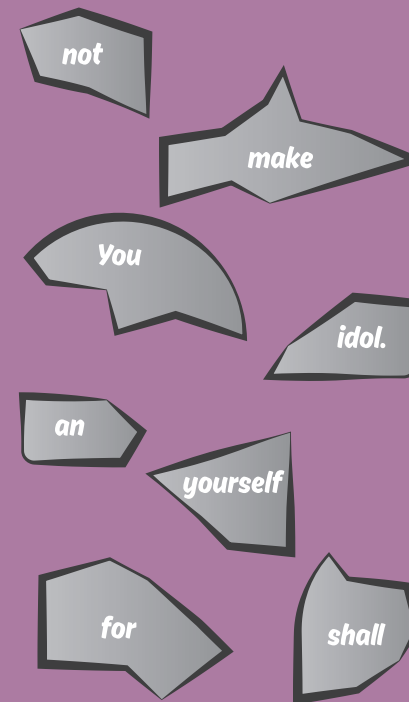
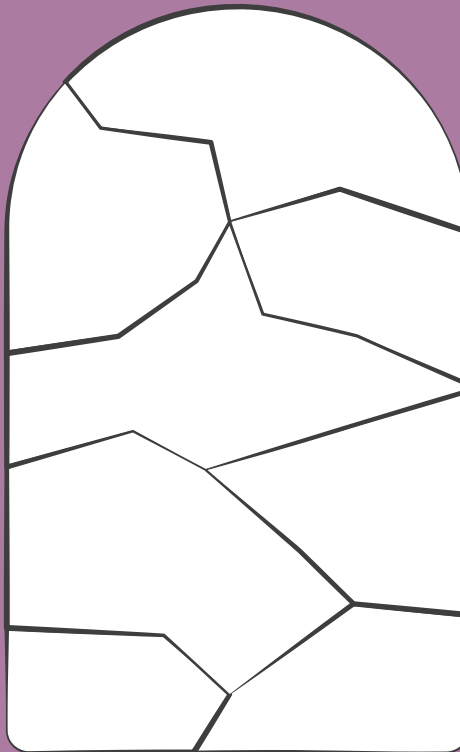
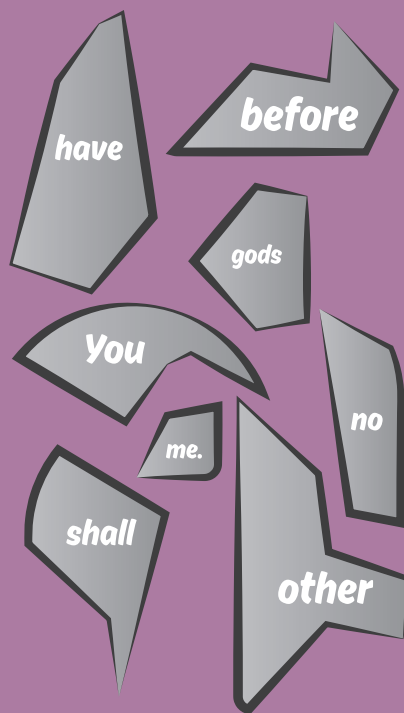
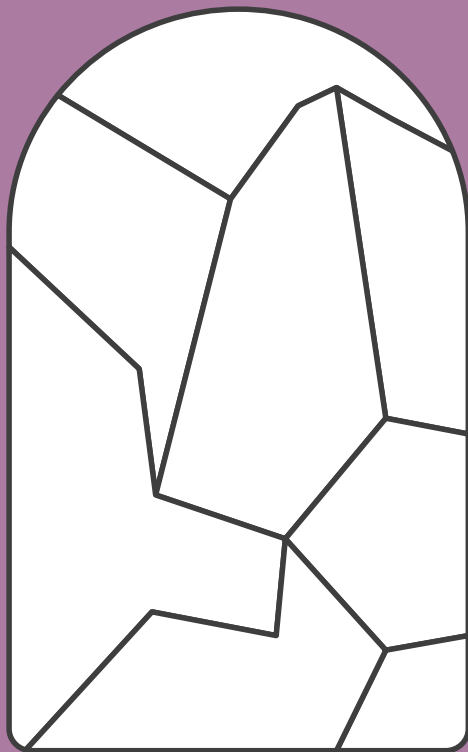
Grades 2–3 • Lesson 58

God Punishes Idolatry

Exodus 32:1–4, 32:21–24, 32:35; 1 Timothy 2:5

Name

Moses threw down the tablets in anger because the Israelites already broke God's first two commandments. What were those commands? Match the shapes and write the words from each piece where it fits in the puzzle.



Memory Verse

Fill in the missing vowels (A, E, I, O, U) then say the verse out loud.

Ex__**dus** 20:1-3

And God **spok**__ all these words, **s**__**ying**, "I am the **LORD** your
G__**d**, who **br**__**ught** you out of the **l**__**nd** of Egypt, __**ut** of the
house of slavery. **Yo**__ shall have no __**ther** gods **b**__**fore** me."



What You Heard *In the Word*

- The Israelites disobeyed God's commands and worshipped a golden calf.
- Moses prayed for God to show mercy, and God sent a plague instead of destroying the people for their sin.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose you hear some neighborhood kids talking, and they say that God is mean because he's always punishing people. **What could you say?**

Many people have the wrong idea of God being like a mean judge, but that's not true. The Bible teaches that God loves people, but we have to understand a few other important things about God. First, God is holy. That means he cannot sin and hates all sin. Second, God is just. That means he is always fair and must punish sin. If we stopped there, we would be in trouble because God must punish, or judge, our sin. But the Bible also tells us that God is merciful! That means he helps those in misery and withholds deserved punishment. God showed his love and mercy when he sent his Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and take our punishment for sin. When we believe in Jesus and ask God for mercy and forgiveness, he forgives us! You can read more about God and what he's like from the Bible, too!



Justin & Jessie

"Wow! Jeremy, you could be a soccer superstar and play on TV," said Justin.

Jeremy grinned. He was thrilled that he'd scored the winning goal. All that week, Jeremy couldn't stop thinking about soccer. All he wanted to do was play soccer.



In "Superstars & Scratchy Bushes" soccer becomes Jeremy's idol. It's all he thinks about—until he gets caught by surprise.

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