

# RAISING FAITH-FILLED KIDS

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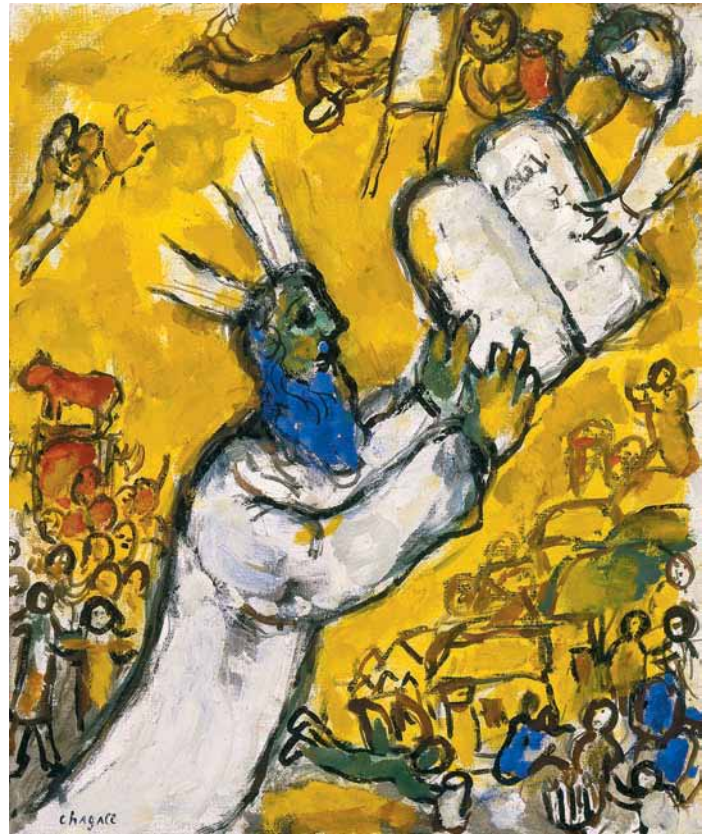
## Focus on Faith

### God Guides Us Into the Future

Every day we send our children into a world that can be very scary. With each passing year they move further and further out of our influence. They face peer pressure to use drugs, to cheat on tests, and to let prejudice influence how they treat others. It is important to give our children some basic rules of behavior that will help them find their way as faithful people. This is what God did for the Israelites with the last seven commandments. God told the people to honor their parents, not to kill or steal, to be faithful in relationships, and not to covet what others have. In doing so, God was giving his people basic rules for a healthy community life. These also form the foundation for our lives and the lives of our children as they walk into the future.

### Dinnertime Conversation Starter

Discuss with your child his or her understanding of God's Commandments. Are they seen as restrictions placed on personal freedom or as guides from a loving God?



Moses Receiving the Ten Commandments, Marc Chagall

## Hints for at Home



Start a home food bank project in your household. Every time somebody buys groceries, buy an extra nonperishable item and place it in a shopping bag. When the bag is full, take it to a local charity.

## Spirituality in Action

Suggest that your family take part in a neighborhood project such as a neighborhood cleanup, a community garden, or a neighborhood watch. Develop a plan and invite other neighbors to become involved with you.



## Focus on Prayer

Review the Ten Commandments with your child (Exodus 20:1–17). Spend a few minutes noting how the first three address loving God and others address loving neighbors.



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