

# THE WORLD IS NOT GOD'S FRIEND

## Family Devotion – Lesson 34

### MEMORY VERSE—EXODUS 20:3

***“Thou shalt have no other gods before me.”***

- “*Thou shalt have no other gods before me*” is the first of the ten commandments. There is only one true God, but many false gods. These false gods are sometimes made of wood or stone and bowed down to. When this happens it is idolatry. Making and bowing down to graven images is also a transgression of the second commandment. It is possible to make up a false god in your mind as well.
- The world is full of false gods. Remember, anything that comes between you and the Lord can become a god. Here are some examples:
  - Video games
  - Sports
  - Education
  - A job
  - Money
  - A person (family, friends)
  - Yourself
  - An activity
- Sometimes people make false gods out of their religion. Some examples would be:
  - Worshipping Mary, the earthly mother of Jesus.
  - Bowing down and praying to Bible characters such as Peter, James, and John.
  - The Hindu religion believe in millions of different gods. This is called pantheism. See Romans 1:22-25.
- “*Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment*” (Mt. 22:37-38).
- The Devil doesn’t care what you worship, as long as it is not God. Don’t fall for his tricks.

### QUESTIONS TO DISCUSS

- How does loving God and obeying His commandments go hand in hand?
- Is there anything wrong with things like sports, friends, or video games? When can these things be wrong?
- How can someone make a false god up in their mind?
- Have you ever broken the first commandment? Explain.

### PRAYER TIME

- Ask God to help you not break the first commandment.
- Tell God that you love Him and give Him a list of reasons why.

### CHALLENGE

- See if you can name all the plagues that God sent to the Egyptians in the book of Exodus. Remember, each plague was against a false god.