

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT

ACTIVITY

MAKING TIME

Theme: We often selfishly look on time as our possession and forget that it is a gift from God. Through His Word, God helps us to see each day as His special gift.

Materials: Scrap paper, paper plates, markers

Procedure: (20 minutes)

Hand out the scrap paper and markers. Ask the students to calculate how many minutes they have in a day (1,440) and in a week (10,080) so they get a sense of just how much time they have been given.

Hand out paper plates and ask the students to draw seven equal pie-shaped pieces and label them with the days of the week. Say, **Mark your pie chart to show how you spend each twenty-four-hour day.** The students should allow space for sleeping, school, and so on. When they finish, ask, **What does your chart indicate about the time you have made for God?** Read Exodus 20:8–11. Ask, **According to the Third Commandment, how has God asked you to “make time” for Him? Who literally “made time” for you?** Explain that God made or created time along with the sun, moon, and stars for measuring the time in your life, including time for worship. Conclude, **God made all time for you. Each minute of every day is His precious gift. Just as He sent Jesus to be your Savior in the fullness of time, He sends us His Holy Spirit to help us use our time to His glory.**