

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT

ACTIVITY

UNDERSTANDING OTHERS

Theme: Included in God's commands is His concern that all people, including those with special needs, be helped and supported as they live in our society.

Materials: Sunglasses, Vaseline, tape, earplugs, saltine crackers

Procedure: (5–10 minutes)

Help students to understand the special challenges experienced by persons with disabilities. Invite volunteers to experience a visual handicap by wearing sunglasses with Vaseline smeared on the lenses, a hearing disability by wearing earplugs, a speech impediment by trying to respond to a question while having several saltine crackers in their mouth, or a physical disability by trying to write their name with a hand on which all their fingers have been taped together. Invite the group to talk freely about their experience. Discuss the special insight about people's needs that persons with disabilities often possess. Discuss ways we might share the love of Jesus with all people, including those with special needs.