

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

ACTIVITY

LIGHT OF JESUS

Materials: a lit candle in a holder, a tall glass, cardboard, baking soda, vinegar, a folded piece of paper

Pour about $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of vinegar into the glass. Add a heaping teaspoon of baking soda. Let it fizz a second or two, and then cover the top with cardboard to contain the carbon dioxide. Take off the cover, and quickly pour the carbon dioxide down the center trough of the folded paper toward the candle flame. Don't pour the liquid but only the gas. The flame will go out.

Say, **We usually aren't aware of the invisible forces that try to douse the light of Jesus in us. Satan is invisible, but he is actually at work with his minions around us. We are tempted to live as if a beautiful body is better or more stuff equals more fun. Because we are sinfully self-centered, even our own minds try to put out Jesus' light by putting the focus on ourselves.** (Ask if any of this sounds true.)

Conclude, **When we break God's commandments, we grieve the Holy Spirit and hurt others and ourselves as well. Think about life without Jesus, without forgiveness. What then?** (We would know only God's wrath, isolation, and hell; we would not be forgiven or saved.) **What gifts does God bring us through Jesus? He gives us forgiveness of sins and the power to fear, love, and trust in God above all things, as well as eternal salvation.** Finish, **How then is the reality of God good news for you personally?** (Affirm student responses.)