

Illustration: **Big Ten Balloon Pop and Hit**
Discussion: **Learning the Ten Commandments**

YOU WILL NEED: *Ten balloons, each with one of the Ten Commandments on a small slip of paper inside it. Set up the ten balloons with five on each side of the room. You will also need lots of other balloons.*

Learning the Ten Commandments

Big Ten Balloon Pop

Choose ten volunteers—five boys and five girls. This is a boys verses girls competition. When you say “Go” one person from each team will run from the back of the room to the front of the room and pop one balloon on their side. (For younger children you will need to have an adult hand them a push-tack to use for poking the balloon. Be sure that they give the tack back to leader so that they don’t run back with it.) Then they will find the piece of paper with the commandment on it, read it aloud. The adult leader on their side will need to call it out loudly. All the other children of their gender will repeat the commandment. The child will then run back to the starting point and tag the next person in line. The first team to pop all five of their balloons wins, but keep going until all of the Ten Commandments have been said.

Big Ten Balloon Hit

Game rules: Stay in your seat (Say, “My seat is sweet”), keeping all four chair legs on the ground. When you hit a balloon, you have to say aloud one of the Ten Commandments but you can’t keep saying the same commandment over and over again. Go over all the commandments with your kids. Then hit out a couple of balloons. Begin with just one or two, then keep adding them until a multitude of balloons are in play. Be sure to tell the kids not to get up out of their seats. If a balloon goes out of reach, one of the leaders will pick it up and throw it back in. (This is a great game for large groups.)

NOTE: The above illustrations work well for any list you want to help the children to remember--i.e., the Fruit of the Spirit, etc.