## **Dear Families:**

Today we continued our study of the Ten Commandments. Last week, we learned the first commandment: Have nothing else rank before God: put God first! This week we discussed the second commandment. It is closely related to the first rule; in some translations, they are even combined into one rule. The second commandment states that we should not worship idols.

What is an idol? An idol is something physical, like a statue or an image. Idols can also be anything that you love and to which you devote a lot of time and attention. Idols cannot take the place of God. Sometimes it's easy to put faith in an idol- you can see it, touch it, and you know it's there. God cannot be seen or touched. Sometimes it's hard to know He's there. But if we put idols aside and put our faith in God, trust me- you will know He's there!

We had a shorter class today due to celebrating communion with the congregation. We typically celebrate communion on the first Sunday of each month. Also on the first Sunday, we have a mini-yard sale, with all proceeds going to benefit Literacy of Love. If you'd like to donate one or two items for our sale, you may bring them in at any time.

I know it seems early, but the class has already begun making plans for this year's Christmas Pageant. We have a tentative date set for Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> during worship service. We hope you can celebrate with us and learn the true meaning of Christmas!

Thank you for being with us today!

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