



Hero

#6 – 10 Commandment Series

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PUPPETS

1. GRANDPA
2. TALA
3. SHIELA
4. PASTOR BOB
5. MOM
6. DAD

PROPS

1. FULL STAGE
2. PHONE
3. CAMOFLAGE OUTFIT FOR DAD
- 4.

SOUND

1. Commandment #6 Song
2. War Song – Cuts 1,2,&3
3. Kids Yelling
4. 10 Commandments song

ACT I

Music: Blessed Hope

Grandpa: Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids!
Today we are continuing our series on the Ten Commandments. Can anyone guess which commandment we are going to do today? Do you remember that we are going to do Commandment #6?
That's right! "Thou shalt not murder" is commandment number six.

Music: Commandment #6

This can be a tough commandment for even grownups to understand. Does it mean that we can't kill a rabbit or fish? Does it mean we can't squash a bug? And how does it apply to our lives today when there are wars and terrorists that make this world a dangerous place sometimes?

Tala is going to struggle with that same question today and as she finds answers to her questions, we hope you'll understand a little better as well.

Music: War – cut 1

Scene: Tala is upset.

Sound: Kids teasing

Tala: Stop it! He is not!! (Tala starts crying)

Sheila: What's the matter Tala?

Tala: They were saying that my dad is a murderer! Just because he is in the military! I didn't know what to say.

Sheila: I don't know what to tell you Tala. The pastor just did a service on the sixth commandment which is "Thou shalt not kill." I don't know what that means for your dad. Maybe you should talk to Pastor Bob.

Tala: You're probably right Sheila, but what if the kids are right?

Sheila: Try not to worry too much before you talk to the pastor.

Tala: Thanks Sheila. You're a good friend.

Scene: Sheila slides down. Tala is walking.

ACT II

Music: War – cut 2

Scene: Pastor comes up.

Pastor Bob: Tala, how good to see you again. And just what do I owe the honor of this visit?

Tala: Pastor Bob, is my dad breaking one of the Ten Commandments?

Pastor Bob: I'm not sure Tala. This sounds serious. Why don't you tell me about it?

Tala: Well, you see the kids at school were saying that my dad is a murderer because he is in the army and we are at war. I know that God says in the Ten Commandments that we should not kill. But my dad is a good man. He would never murder.

Pastor Bob: Ahh, I see why you are so upset young lady. I would be upset too if my friends had said something like that. For you see, I was in the Navy.

Tala: You were in the military Pastor Bob?

Pastor Bob: Yes, I was.

Tala: But Pastor Bob, how could you be in the military? Doesn't that go against the word of God? I mean He said "Thou shalt not kill." Didn't He Pastor Bob?

Pastor Bob: Actually, that is not entirely true. The most proper translation for that commandment is "Thou shalt not murder." And murdering is much different than killing.

Tala: I'm still confused Pastor Bob.

Pastor Bob: Well, Tala, as long as there is good and evil in this world, the two will be at war. God does not want us to just do nothing so that evil will win. And that means that sometimes we have to fight. It's like when David slew Goliath. God had him kill the enemy of God didn't he?

Tala: Yeah I guess so.

Pastor Bob: We murder when we knowingly take the life of an innocent. That is indeed a great sin.
But your father is protecting the good, and God's freedoms of this country. He is not a murderer. He is a man of God that is standing up against the evil of this world and of that you can be proud. Your Dad is a hero.

I'll tell you what. Why don't we pray for your dad right now?

Tala: I would like that Pastor Bob.

ACT III

Music: War – cut 3

Scene: Grandpa comes up

Grandpa: Are you kids starting to understand a little? There is a difference between killing and murder. For instance, God put the animals here to be our food and when we kill them for that reason, it is how God meant things to be. But when we hurt animals just for the sake of hurting them or out of meanness, then we are outside the will of God.

Scene: Mom is calling Dad.

Mom: Operator, Could you put me through to Iraq please? I need to speak with Lieutenant Devin Reyes, he is in the 31st Batallion.

Yes, I'll hold.

Dad: Hello, This is Lieutenant Reyes.

Mom: Oh sweetheart, it is so good to hear your voice. We miss you so very much.

Dad: I miss you too. How are the kids?

Mom: They're fine. But that's kind of the reason I called you.

Dad: Everything's okay isn't it? Did one of the kids get hurt? You know I worry about that a lot, especially with me being so far away.

Mom: No, sweetheart. It's nothing like that. The kids are fine.

This is something that is more of a spiritual nature.

Dad: Tala hasn't been ditching church has she? Cause if she is, I want you to put her on the phone right now!

Mom: No Devin, it is nothing like that. Actually, if anything, she has gotten even more involved in church since you left. I think she finds some comfort there while you are away.

The problem is mine. I have to tell you that I have been struggling with you being in this war. I know that you signed up for the military when we were not at war, but that doesn't help a whole lot right now.

Actually, I have been afraid you would have to shoot someone and then you would have committed a sin and then we would not be together in Heaven.

Dad: You probably might find it hard to believe but I have been struggling with that myself lately. I talk to God about it a lot but I am still not sure what I'll will do if the bullets start flying and I am in the middle...

Mom: You'll shoot back is what you'll do! I don't want to lose you.

Besides, I think Tala has found the answer to our problem. Leave it to a child to find the way that is the simplest. While you and I were worrying about this, so was she. But instead of trying to figure it out herself, she asked Pastor Bob.

Dad: I always knew that we had raised a smart girl. Too smart sometimes.

Mom: Well, Pastor Bob told our brilliant child that as long as there was evil in this world, that good men would have to fight. Sometimes that means that we must kill, but that does not make us murderers.

He also told her that her father was a good man, protecting good things, and that he was a hero.

Dad: That Pastor Bob is sure a wise man.

Mom: That may be so, but I married a hero.

Dad: I am so glad you called sweetheart. I have lost so much sleep over this. I think I'll sleep a whole lot better tonight. In fact, I think I'm going to be a better soldier.

Can you do me a favor?

Mom: Sure sweetheart, anything.

Dad: Give Tala a big hug and a kiss from me.

Mom: I'll be sure to do that. I know she sends one to you.

Dad: And could you give Pastor Bob a big hug from me too.

Mom: I was thinking the very same thing.

I miss you sweetheart.

Dad: I miss you too. I'll see you soon though.

Mom: Be safe.

Dad: I will.

Scene: Mom and dad slide down and Grandpa comes up.

ACT IV

Grandpa: Well kids, I hope that helps you to understand a little better. When God said "Thou shalt not murder" He was talking about taking the life of an innocent. He wasn't talking about standing up for what's right and protecting what is good.

God wants His saints to fight for Him. But, He never wants us to murder! I hope you understand. And if you don't, please talk to your teacher.

Remember God loves you, and so do we. Please help welcome back the S.O.C.K. puppets for the Ten Commandment Song.

Sound: 10 Commandments song

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