



My god, My Phone

#1 – 10 Commandment Series

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PUPPETS

1. RIPLEY
2. SANDY
3. BOBBY
4. MOM
5. DAD
6. GRANDMA
7. S.O.C.K. Puppets

PROPS

1. PORTABLE STAGE
2. FULL STAGE
3. CELL PHONE
4. CAR (CARDBOARD)
5. BALLOONS

SOUND

1. WORSHIP SONGS (2)
2. Phone ringing.
3. Car background noise.

ACT I

Music: Worship song that deals with putting God first.

Ripley: Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids!

Today we are starting our series on the Ten Commandments. Can anyone guess which commandment we are going to do today? No? Well, that's okay because today is a tough one. It is the first commandment "Thou shalt have no other gods before me."

Do you know that God is a jealous God? That's right, the bible tells us that he wants to be first in our lives. And when we put something else before Him, that becomes our god. And that makes God angry.

Can you think about things that might be gods in our lives? Does a god have to be a statue made of stone?

Today, Sandy is going to find out that even a phone can be a god of sorts.

Scene: Sandy has her cell phone to her ear and is chatting away.

Sandy: Really, you've got to be kidding? (Pause) No way! (pause) But he's so creepy!

Bobby: Hey Sandy!

Sandy: Oh, and I got these new ring tones with the money I got from babysitting. You know the cool one of the frog. Everyone who's anyone has that one.

Bobby: Sandy? (a little more forcefully.)

Sandy: Oh, and then, I figure if I can work maybe two extra shifts at the Minimart I can buy another hundred minutes and then we can talk whenever we want. That will be so cool.

Bobby: Sandy. I've got to be going. So if you don't want to talk, that's fine.

Sandy: Nikki, I gotta go. I'll call you later. I better talk to Bobby before his head explodes.

What Bobby? (she says it indignantly)

Bobby: Why are you talking to me like that Sandy? We used to be great friends. But ever since you got that cell phone for your birthday it's like I don't even know you.

Sandy: I'm sure I don't know what you are talking about Bobby Alarcon. I am the same sweet, lovable, gorgeous, fun and *humble* person I was before.

Bobby: I wish that was true. But Sandy you've become a different person since you got that cell phone. It's like you have grown a piece of plastic out of the side of your head. I can't even get ten minutes alone with you without that stupid annoying ring from your cell phone. It even messed up the movie the other day remember?

Sandy: Now you are being silly Bobby. I'm not on it ALL the time.
So what did you want anyway?

Bobby: I want to know where you were yesterday. We were supposed to do a skit for the kids at Sunday school. You weren't there and I had to try and do it all by myself. I felt like such an idiot!

Sandy: Oh, I'm sorry Bobby. I was babysitting so I could earn some money for my cell phone. I completely forgot. Do you forgive me?

Bobby: I don't think I'm the one you should be apologizing to Sandy.

Sandy: What are you talking about Bobby?

Bobby: I think you probably should be apologizing to God. I don't think he would be very happy about your putting your cell phone before Him.

Sandy: Now you are being ridiculous Bobby. (Cell phone rings) I've got to get this, It's really important. (Picks up the phone, starts talking and walks off)

Bobby: (To himself) Apparently more important than God.

ACT II

Scene: Mom and Dad are driving in a car.

Sound: Background noise of cars.

Dad: I don't know if it was such a good idea to give Sandy a cell phone dear. Ever since we gave her that thing, that's all she talks about or seems to care about. In fact, I think it's growing to the side of her head.

Mom: Don't be ridiculous sweetheart. We finally gave her a gift that she likes and you are worried about it? Sometimes I just don't understand you. Remember a couple of years ago when we got her that scooter she "just had to have"? And remember that you sold it at a garage sale last week and it was brand new still?

Dad: I'm glad that she likes it but it just seems to be *too important* in her life. She didn't even go with us to church on Sunday. I know she had to baby-sit, but it was only to buy minutes for her phone.

Mom: Now you're complaining because she is being responsible and working for her own money? Really sweetheart, I just don't get you sometimes.

Sound: Phone rings

Mom: Just let it ring honey. You're driving.

Dad: It might be important. Besides, will you quit nagging me. I am a good driver. I can talk on the phone and drive at the same time.

Mom: Now look who's not being smart. You're worried about your daughter when you should be worried about yourself.

Dad: (Answers phone) Hello? Why yes. Oh, I've been waiting for your call. Wait a minute let me look for a pen. (Dad looks down)

Mom: Honey LOOK OUT!

Sound: Tires screeching and glass breaking – Car falls back and both puppets disappear.

Music: interlude song

ACT III

Scene: We are now at Grandma's house.

Sound: Phone rings

Grandma: Hello? Why yes it is. Uh huh. Are you sure? Oh my God no. Yes, I understand. We will be there soon.
(Calls to Sandy) Sandy! I need to see you right now.

Sandy: What is it Grandma? You sound upset?

Grandma: Sandy, I need to talk to you for a minute.

Sandy: Okay.

Grandma: I am afraid your mom and dad have been in a bad accident. Your dad was talking on the cell phone and lost control of the car.

Sandy: Oh No! Not mommy and daddy! Are they going to die Grandma?

Grandma: Thankfully, no sweetheart. The Hospital says they are badly injured but they are going to be all right.
I told your dad not to be talking on those stupid cell phones when he drives but he just won't listen!

Sandy: I had better call Bobby. He will know exactly what to do. (Hand comes up with cell phone.)

Grandma: You put that horrible thing down this instant young lady! Haven't cell phones caused enough trouble for one day?
I've been meaning to talk with you anyway about that phone. It has taken an importance in your life that makes me uncomfortable. I think it has become a god in your life.

Sandy: Yeah that's what Bobby said but neither of you understand. It's just a phone –
Not my god!

Grandma: Then why was the first thing you thought of when your parents got hurt was to pick up the phone and call someone? Why wasn't the first thing you thought of was to get on your knees and call out to God?

Sandy: I'm sorry grandma. You're right. I guess I have been putting the phone before God. I didn't mean too. I just got caught up.

Grandma: I know child. Most of the times when we put stuff before God we have a good reason and we don't think of it as replacing God, but that is just what we are doing.
Cells phones aren't bad. But anything can be bad if not kept in its proper place.

Sandy: Grandma?

Grandma: Yes Sandy?

Sandy: Would you pray with me for mom and dad?

Grandma: Of course sweetheart. (Puppets bow heads together and slowly slide down while whispering a prayer.)

ACT IV

Ripley: Did you know that many things can be a god? Money can be a god to some people. Power can be a god. Popularity, our "stuff", food, just about anything can be a God in your life if it is not in it's proper place. Are there things in your lives

that are taking the place of God? A new bike or a video game? Think about it this week. God loves you more than you could possibly know but He demands to be first. Make an effort this week to do just that.

And remember kids, our lives send out what? That's right - Ripples.

Welcome back the S.O.C.K. it to me puppets as they review the 10 commandments.

10 Commandments song

Sock 1: SOCK it to me!

Sock 2: SOCK it to me!

Sock 3: SOCK it to me!

Sock 1,2,3 : SOCK it to me!

Sock 1: Commandment one - 'You shall have no other gods before Me.'

Sock 2: Commandment two - 'You shall not make for yourself a carved image-- any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.'

Sock 3: Commandment three - 'You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.'

Sock 1: Commandment four - 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

Sock 2: Commandment five - 'Honor your father and your mother.'

Sock 3: Commandment six - 'You shall not murder.'

Sock 1: Commandment seven - 'You shall not commit adultery.'

Sock 2: Commandment eight - 'You shall not steal.'

Sock 3: Commandment nine - 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.'

Sock 1: Commandment ten - 'You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his male servant, nor his female servant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor's.'

Sock 2: SOCK it to me!

Sock 3: SOCK it to me!

Sock 1: SOCK it to me!

Sock 1,2,3: SOCK it to me & God bless you!

Music: Closing song