# Rub My Belly
# #3 – 10 Commandment Series

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**PUPPETS**

1. RIPLEY
2. TALA
3. SHEILA
4. PASTOR BOB (DAD)
5. RUSTY
6. ANNOUNCER

**PROPS**

1. FULL STAGE
2. PARTY HATS
3. GUITAR
4. BUDDHA
5. BALLOONS

**SOUND**

1. IDOL SONG (4 PARTS)
2. PARTY NOISE.
3. GUITAR RIFF.
4. 10 COMMANDMENT SONG

# ACT I

**Music:** Worship song that deals with Idols.

**Ripley:** 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? No? Well, that's okay because today is another tough one. It is the second commandment … *"You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God."*
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.
But sometimes, when people don't get the answer they want from God, or don't want to surrender to God, they make their own gods - Gods that they can tell what to do or how to behave. They create the god of their desires.
Have you ever wanted God to do or give you something and He said no? Did you wish that you could wish on a star take a lucky rabbit's foot and then your problems would be solved?
God calls those things Idols. Idols are anything that we put our faith in other than the true and living God.
Sheila is about to find that out.

**Scene**: Sheila is rubbing the belly of a Buddha statue.

**Sheila:** Oh big Buddha belly - give me the bike I want. If you do, I promise to come and rub you every day for a year if you will just do this one thing for me okay?

**Tala:** Sheila, what are you doing?

**Sheila:** I'm just rubbing the belly of this Buddha for good luck so that I will get a new bike for my birthday.

**Tala:** Don't you know that the Buddha you are rubbing is an idol? I thought you were a Christian.

**Sheila:** I am a Christian. What does that have to do with anything? I haven't become a Buddhist or anything like that. I just need a little help getting a bike for my birthday is all. And rubbing the belly of this statue is supposed to be good luck.

**Tala:** I must have been mistaken then. I thought I heard you making a bargain with that statue.

**Sheila:** Well.... I.... Uh...

**Tala:** Just as I thought. Sheila, you are breaking a commandment when you trust in anything other than God. He tells us He is a jealous God and He demands to be the one we turn to. Not a statue.

**Sheila:** Whew! Then I'm okay then. I prayed to God before I rubbed the belly on the Buddha.

**Tala:** You're just not getting this Sheila. We can't pray to God *and* call on a good luck charm in case God does not give us what we want. That's not how it works.

**Sheila:** All right already! I get it. No more rubbing on the statue. But Tala, could I ask you one more thing before you go?

**Tala:** Sure Sheila.

**Sheila:** Could I rub *your tummy* one time before you go? Can't be too careful...

**Tala:** No!  Ewwww! You just wait Sheila. I don't think God is going to think this is so funny!

**Music:** Worship song that deals with Idols (part 2).

# ACT II

**Scene:** Artist is coming in to talk with the pastor
**Sound:** Religious music in the background.

**Pastor Bob:** Oh Rusty. It's good to see you. What brings you by today? Have you finished the illustrations for Sunday school already?

**Rusty:** No Pastor Bob, man. I'm afraid I need to talk with you.

**Pastor Bob:** Sounds serious Rusty. How can I help you?

**Rusty:**  Not that serious to anyone except me and God I guess… And a certain member of this congregation that shall remain nameless.

**Pastor Bob:** Is someone in the congregation bothering you Rusty? I certainly will help you if I can.

**Rusty:** No, It's not like that. Maybe I had better fill you in.
It's like this, See I am working on this new statue for the city. It is going to be a beautiful fountain right in front of City Hall with dolphins and such. It is really going to be something.
Well, yesterday I was installing one of the dolphins when this person, who shall remain nameless, from our church came up to me and told me I was committing a sin.

**Pastor Bob:** Why would they do that? What is sinful about making a fountain?

**Rusty:** That's just what I said. And then, this person, who shall remain nameless, said I was breaking the second commandment about making idols and I should be listening more closely in church. He said you even preached on it last week.
And then, well, he said some other unkind things about me being an artist. I don't really care about that though, but I don't want to be breaking any commandments. I love God.

**Pastor Bob:** Rusty, I know you love God. And I am so sorry. I guess the message I gave at church last week was not clear enough. Maybe if someone was being really legalistic, they could have got the wrong idea. Last week we talked about the second commandment about not making any idols. But apparently I did not explain well enough what an Idol was. When the Israelites came out of Egypt, they grew frustrated and wanted something they could see to worship. So they made a golden calf and said it was their God. Remember?

**Rusty:** Yeah, I saw the movie.

**Pastor Bob:** The calf was an idol because they worshipped it and prayed to it. Your fountain is not an idol, it is merely a decoration - Unless of course you are going to pray to it or ask it for stuff.

**Rusty:** Certainly not! But what if someone else asks it for stuff? Then wouldn't I have created an idol?

**Pastor Bob:** No. If they choose to make it into an idol for themselves, then that is between them and God. It would only be a problem for you if you were creating Idols for another form of worship. Then, yes you would be breaking the second commandment. But God did not mean we couldn't decorate.

**Rusty:** I get it. Thanks Pastor Bob, you're a dear. I feel much better now. I think I will go home and paint a beautiful seascape. I love the sea.

**Pastor Bob:** That sounds great Rusty. Put some seagulls in it for me. And I will try to straighten things out with the congregation this Sunday. Oh, and Rusty?

**Rusty:** Yes Pastor Bob?

**Pastor Bob:** God bless you.

**Rusty:** Oh, He does Pastor Bob. Every day… He does.

**Music:** Worship song that deals with Idols (part 3).

# ACT III

**Scene:** We are at Sheila's at his birthday party.
**Sound:** Party noises

**Tala:** Sheila, that guitar is soooo cool.

**Sheila:** I know. It is so much better than the bike I wanted.

**Tala:** What about the Buddha I saw you with the other day?

**Sheila:** Oh that. Yeah, I thought about what you had to say and you are right. I know I am supposed to be turning to God. I am surprised though that God still gave me this wonderful gift.

**Tala:** That's the whole point. God loves you more than you could possibly know Sheila. He wanted something better for you all along. You have to learn to trust Him.

**Sheila:** I get it Tala. I promise no more good luck charms and especially no more idols. Except maybe American Idol – I love that show!

**Tala:** You're so weird Sheila.

**Sheila:** I may be weird but I rock!

**Sound:** Guitar Riff

**Sheila:** I think I'll start a praise and worship Rock band.

**Tala:** That sounds great Sheila. You know I can sing. Can I be your lead singer?

**Sheila:** Maybe, if you'll do me a favor.

**Tala:** What's that Sheila?

**Sheila:** Rub my belly?

**Tala:** Sheila Schwartz! I thought we already settled this!

**Sheila:** It's not what you think!

**Tala:** Then what is it?

**Sheila:** I ate too much ice cream and now my belly hurts. Would you rub it for me?

**Tala:** Oh Sheila!

**Music:** Worship song that deals with Idols (part 4).

# ACT IV

**Ripley:** We should not only put God first in our lives kids, we shouldn't have anything else that we put our faith in. A decoration is okay. They make things look pretty. But the moment we give them power, ask them for stuff or go to them with our problems they become idols.
So don't have any idols. God deserves all our love and He is jealous to get it.
And remember kids, our lives send out what? That's right - Ripples.

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

**Music:** 10 Commandments song.

**Sock 1:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 2:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 3:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 4:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 1,2,3&4 :** SOCK it to me!

**Sock1:** 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 4:** Commandment four - 'Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.'

**Sock 1:** Commandment five - 'Honor your father and your mother.'

**Sock 2:** Commandment six - 'You shall not murder.'

**Sock 3:** Commandment seven - 'You shall not commit adultery.'

**Sock 4:** Commandment eight - 'You shall not steal.'

**Sock 1:** Commandment nine - 'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.'

**Sock 2:** 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 3:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 4:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 1:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 2:** SOCK it to me!

**Sock 1,2,3 & 4:** SOCK it to me & God bless you!

**Music:** Closing song