

# EXODUS 20



EXODUS 20 is a contemporary drama based on the Ten Commandments, as seen through the eyes of children

Done both as a feature-length film & 10 short films (each between 5 and 10 minutes long), EXODUS 20 is a series of lessons suitable for 11-14 year olds.

Students at 10 schools in the North East of England worked with a professional film-maker to write, act and film their own gritty, contemporary re-telling of one of the Commandments.

Bullying, knife-culture, under-age drinking and other tough topics are dealt with without sensationalism - these are the Ten Commandments as understood by young people.

The films are of a high quality and raise many thought-provoking issues which are sure to stimulate discussion and learning. There's also 11 lesson plans included which are based on classroom-tested activities. Detailed lesson plans include: differentiated learning activities, follow-up ideas, Bible references & recommended websites.

**Check out their website: [www.exodus20.org.uk](http://www.exodus20.org.uk) for more info**

**Below is a brief synopsis of each of the 5-10 minute films (one per Commandment). See how relevant these are to young people's lives today...**



**Jenna** Jonny has a new jacket and shows it off to Jenna on her way home. Romance between them appears to be growing until Jonny takes advantage of Jenna in the woods. In response to Jenna's rejection of him he pursues her best friend. Jenna is hurt and takes matters into her own hands to get revenge.

**Gimp and Zak** Gimp and Zak go and play near the cliffs after being told not to by their dad. Zak trips, falls and injures himself. Now Gimp must face her dad who wants to know where Zak is. Gimp lies to cover-up what has happened and must try to get the injured Zak home.

**Harry** A girl in Harry's class has a new remote control car to play with but she will not let Harry play with it. He gets jealous and hides it from her. When he gets the toy home there is disappointment not just for the girl but for Harry as well.



**Cassie** Cassie is intimidated daily by two boys at her school because they blame her for getting them in trouble with a teacher. When their threats get too much for her, she may resort to violence.

**Ronaldo** Two football fans set out to earn enough money to buy tickets see their heroes play a match. They start washing cars down their street for cash but the hero worship that drives them in the first place leads to strife rather than harmony. The pair go their own way after a shouting match because they follow different 'gods'.

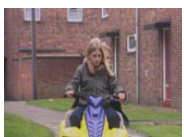
**Joe** Joe tries to impress some older girls by demonstrating he can handle under age drinking, like them. When he returns home drunk his mum gets mad at him. The girls overhear Joe being scolded. Will they be impressed now?

**Callum** Callum grew up not knowing his father because he walked out on his mum and feels that something is missing from his life. He longs just to see a photo of him but his mum is reluctant to pursue the matter. When his mother gives in and gives Callum a photo, he is faced with the difficult choice of whether to look at it or not.



**Jo & Mike** Mike's sister, Jo, seems to get everything she wants. Her mum gives her a bracelet and lets her friend sleep over and Mike is jealous. The next morning the new bracelet is missing and tensions rise as Jo wants to find who took it. Jo accuses her friend but their mum suspects that Mike might be responsible.

**David** When David is rejected by the group playing by the river he is hasty to blame God for his misery. The group chase him away and he trips, injuring himself. Unable to stand he finds himself in need of a helper. A passer by stops to help and together they try to get the attention of David father.



**Jack & Kelly** Jack and his mates want to race their quad bikes on Sunday morning. Jack disturbs his dad's sleep to borrow money to get petrol for the race. When he gets to the local petrol station it's closed until Monday. After finding some fuel he goes to meet his mates finding that the race is cancelled because neighbours are trying to sleep too. All this makes Jack restless.