Many things break God's heart, but what breaks his heart the most? Do you know? Yes, people hurting other people.



Here's another question for you: Did you know that Jesus has a tablet?

Do you know where he keeps his tablet?

lt's in your head and heart.

Jesus' tablet doesn't look



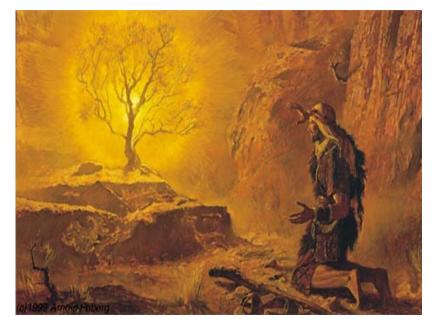
like ours, instead it looks like something like this:



Here's how he got his tablet.

There was a man named Moses, and one day he was up on a mountain and he saw something AMAZING! A bush was on fire--but it didn't burn up!

Have you ever seen a fire? Did the logs burn? They burn to ashes, don't they? But this bush **didn't** burn even though it was on fire!



It didn't burn because GOD was in the bush....

God talked to Moses from the bush, and he said to him, "Take off your shoes for you are on holy ground."



Would you be scared if you saw a bush that was on fire and a voice spoke from it??? I think I would be!

Either way, Moses obeyed him and did as God said.

Several years later, Moses became the leader of God's people, the Israelites. And he went back up to that same mountain, and God spoke to him again.

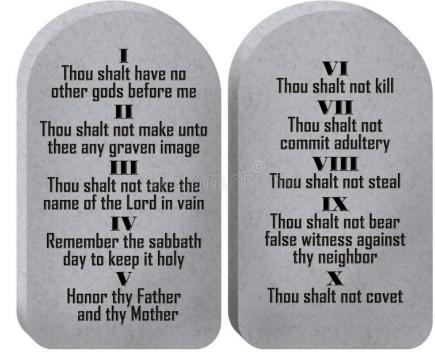


This time, God wrote something with his finger on two tablets of stone.



He gave the two tablets to Moses to give to the Israelites.

There were 10 things written on them. We call them the 10 Commandments. Can you count them?

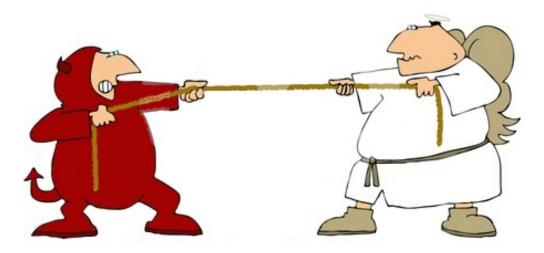


God says that we should keep his commandments if we want to serve him and love others.

These tablets of commandments are written in our hearts on our conscience.

Romans 2:15 says, "People show the work of the law (commandments) written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness and their thoughts alternately accusing or defending them."

What's a "conscience"? Do you know?



It's that thing in you that knows to do right when you want to do wrong.

It's a voice in your heart telling you to do the right thing. When you listen to it, it's basically telling you to be the good guy and to <u>not</u> be a bad guy.



It tells you to be kind to

your younger brother when he's making you mad.

It tells you to not yell at your dad and mom or anyone else.

It tells you to love God and do the right thing even if no one around you is acting like they love God or doing what's right.

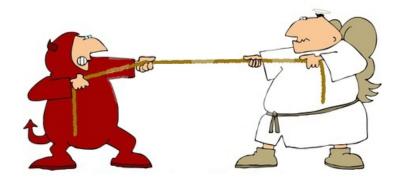


It tells you to always do many other good and right things as well.

Think of it this way: Jesus wants us to be the good guy, and not the bad guy—and his tablet of commandments in our conscience will tell us how.



The problem is, we don't always do everything right, do we? Sometimes we listen to the bad guy and choose to do the wrong thing.



That's when it's important to listen to the voice of our conscience and **be honest** when we've done

something we shouldn't have done.

Jesus will always forgive us when we mess up and choose the wrong thing--if we're honest about it.



So let's try to always love God and treat other people right, and to listen to the voice of our conscience telling us to be the good guy. That way we don't make God sad and break his heart by being mean to others.



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