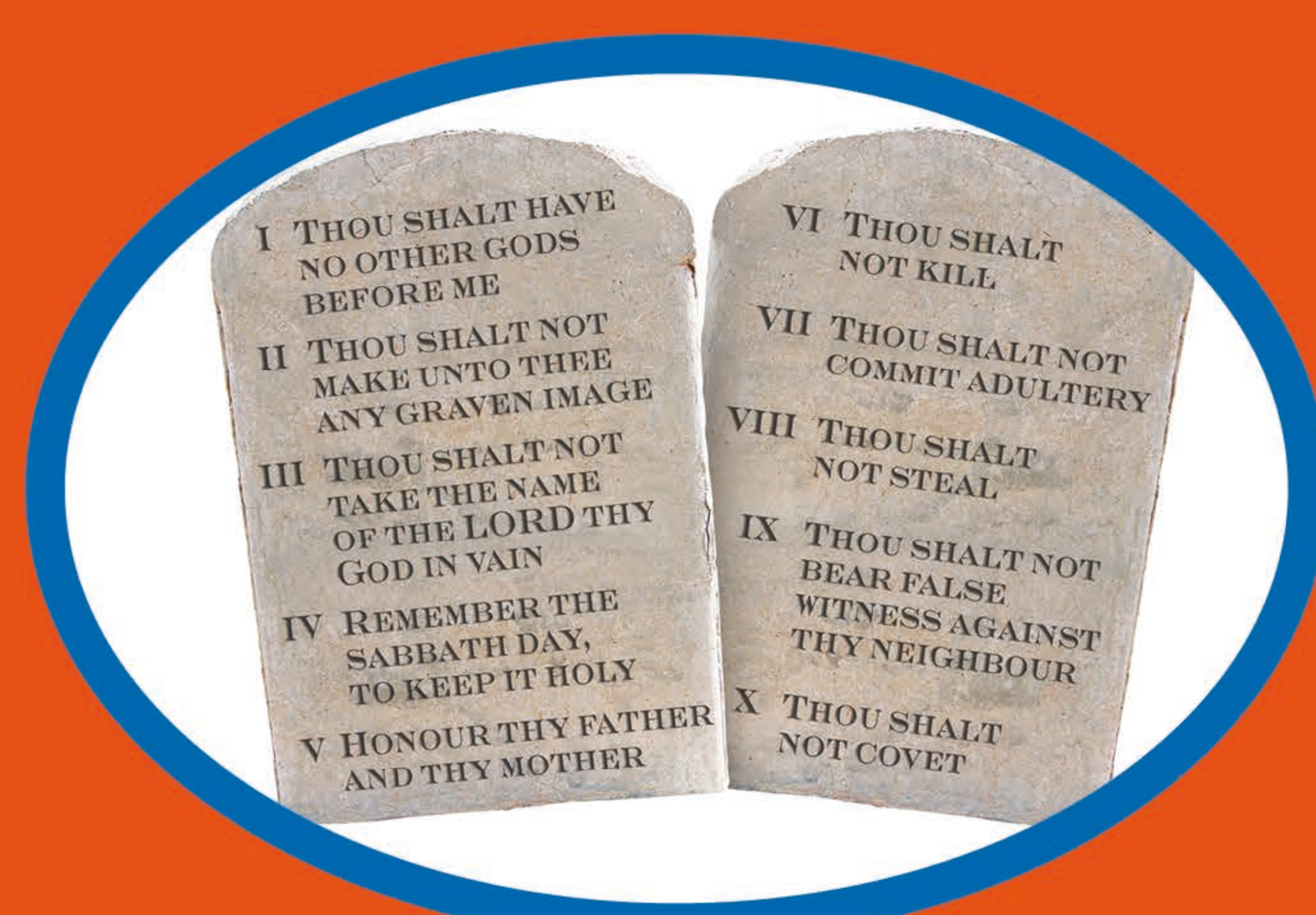


# SHAVUOT

**“Count fifty days until the day after the seventh week, then you shall present the first of your harvest as an offering.” (Leviticus 23:16)**

עד ממחרת השבת השביעת תספרו חמשים יום והקרבתם מנחה חדשה



*Shavuot* means ‘weeks’. This festival takes place on the fiftieth day (7 weeks) after *Pesach* (Passover). Tradition tells that on this day, the Jewish people were given the Ten Commandments and Moses received the *Torah* from G-d on Mount Sinai – a precious gift, containing everything G-d wishes us to know and to do.

*Shavuot* is one of the three pilgrimage and harvest festivals. The other two are *Pesach* and *Sukkot*. On those festivals in olden times, Jewish people would bring the first of their harvests to the Temple in Jerusalem.



# SUKKOT

**“You shall live in temporary huts for seven days ... future generations shall know that I made the Israelites live in temporary huts when I brought them out of the Land of Egypt” (Leviticus 23:42-43)**

בסכת תשבו שבעת ימים ... למען ידעו דורותיכם כי בסכות הושבת י את בני ישראל בהוציא אותם מארץ מצרים



*Sukkot* means ‘huts’. This week long festival remembers the huts in which the Jewish people lived during their 40 year long journey from Egypt to the Promised Land of Israel. Many people build a *sukkah* in their garden.

Some eat their meals in their *sukkah*. Some even sleep in it, if the weather allows! It is decorated inside with fruit and vegetables to show that is a harvest festival. The *sukkah* also reminds us to help those who are homeless or living in poverty.



On Succot Jewish people collect together four symbolic plants, *lulav* (palm branch), *haddasim* (myrtle), *aravot* (willow) and *etrog* (citron), and wave them in all six directions – north, east, south, west, up and down to represent G-d being everywhere.

