

**St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

- 4:00pm Welcome (Moses and the 10 commandments coloring page and *to ensure accuracy, class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese*)
- 4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table  
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)  
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Review previous lesson using one of the pages from the Activity Book.
- 4:15pm **Chapter #9 I Choose to Love God**

The Ten Commandments are laws revealed by God to Moses. God gave His people the Ten Commandments (a covenant between God and the Israelites) to help them live together in a community of trust and harmony, respecting the rights of others. The Commandments show an order of conduct. When we place God first, everything else falls into place. **The Ten Commandments help us to make good choices and know right from wrong!** The first 3 Commandments show our love for God and the next seven show our love for our neighbor (fellow man). *How can we love God?* You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. A virtue is a good habit that helps a person act according to the will of God. The greatest virtue is to love God and our neighbor! God gave us free will to choose good or bad. When we practice the virtues (good behavior) of faith, hope and charity we turn to God.

- *We Believe –*

**Mortal Sin** = a serious offense against the law of God, that takes away sanctifying grace (God's life) a soul and separates us from God.

**Venial Sin** = a less serious offense against the law of God, that is displeasing to God and weakens our love for God.

- *We Respond –*

Match the Ten Commandments to their translation (see attached sheet)

- *We Respond – “The Ten fingers Commandments” craft*

(a) Have a catechist trace the children’s hands onto a sheet of construction paper with a marker or crayon.

(b) Have the children cut out the Ten Commandment symbols on the attached sheet and using a glue stick affix a Commandment to each finger. *Start with the index finger (symbol of God as #1).*

(c) *Discuss the 10 Commandments and the translation as you go along.*



4:45pm Introduce Reconciliation - when we confess our sins to the priest and granted absolution, it is not the priest, himself, who grants the absolution. It comes from God.

### *How to go to Confession*

1. Enter the confessional and sit down across from the priest (if going face-to-face) or kneel down in front of the screen (if going anonymous)
2. Make the Sign of The Cross (“*in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit*”) and say “**Bless me Father for I have sinned. This is my first confession. These are my sins.**”
3. Confess (tell) your sins to the priest.
4. Listen to the priest ... *he will give you some advice on how you can be a better Catholic and open your heart to God and be the person He wants you to be.*
5. The priest will give you a penance -- *it may be a prayer or some kind of action that will help you to be more thoughtful about areas of sinfulness or failing.*
6. The priest will invite you to tell God you are sorry for your sins by saying the Act of Contrition (“**My God I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us. In His name, my God, have mercy.**”)
7. The priest will give you absolution and offer you Gods forgiveness (“ I absolve you of your sins in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit.”) as you bless yourself with the Sign of The Cross (“in the name of The Father, The Son and The Holy Spirit. **Amen.**”). Say “**Thank You**” to the priest.
8. Leave the confessional, if necessary go to the Altar and say your penance... feeling uplifted and energized by God’s mercy and love!

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Dear God,  
Your love for me is kind and merciful.  
Send me your Spirit,  
so that I may choose to be more kind and merciful.”  
Amen.

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

*“Are you ever tempted to do wrong?”*

# The Ten Commandments

I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other Gods besides me.  
*Love God and thank God for everything.*

You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.  
*Be thoughtful and kind in what you say and do.*

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.  
*Spend time with God on Sunday.*

Honor your father and mother.  
*Be respectful and help family and friends members without being asked.*

You shall not kill.  
*Take care of all living things: people, animals & plants.*

You shall not commit adultery.  
*Be true to what is really important.*

You shall not steal.  
*Treat other people's things as if they were your own.*

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.  
*Always tell the truth and be honest.*

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.  
*Be happy for your friends when good things happen to them.*

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor anything else that belongs to him.  
*Show God your love by loving others.*

***Jesus said, "You will live in My Love if you keep My commandments, even as I have kept My Father's commandments and live in His Love."***



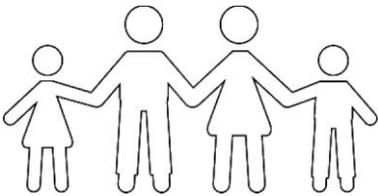
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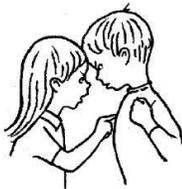
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3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.  
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4. Honor your father and mother.  
*Be respectful and help family and friends members  
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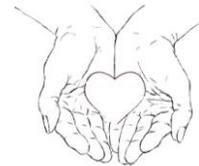
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*Show God your love by loving others.*

# The Ten Commandments

## Match the Ten Commandments to their translation

### Catechist Answers

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| <b>J</b> | 1. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other Gods besides me.                | a. | <i>Be respectful and help family and friends members without being asked.</i>       |
| <b>C</b> | 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.                        | b. | <i>Spend time with God on Sunday.</i>   |
| <b>B</b> | 3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.   | c. | <i>Be thoughtful and kind in what you say and do.</i>                               |
| <b>A</b> | 4. Honor your father and mother.  | d. | <i>Be kind to and take care of all living things: people, animals &amp; plants.</i> |
| <b>D</b> | 5. You shall not kill.  | e. | <i>Always tell the truth and be honest.</i>   |
| <b>F</b> | 6. You shall not commit adultery.   | f. | <i>Be true to what is really important.</i>   |
| <b>H</b> | 7. You shall not steal.   | g. | <i>Be happy for your friends when good things happen to them.</i>                   |
| <b>E</b> | 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.                            | h. | <i>Treat other people's things as if they were your own.</i>                        |
| <b>G</b> | 9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.  | i. | <i>Show God your love by loving others.</i>   |
| <b>I</b> | 10. You shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor anything else that belongs to him. | j. | <i>Love God and thank God for everything.</i>                                       |