

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2017-2018
4th Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (*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 Read about a Saint from the “Patrons and Protectors” series (*Occupations, More Occupations and In Times of Need*) by Brother Michel (Mickey) McGrath and show the artwork – Brother Mickey puts the Holy Spirit (*symbolized by a white dove*) somewhere in each painting ... see if you can find Him☺
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*use chapter test in book*)
- 4:20pm **Chapter #8 “Learning about God’s Law”**

God’s made a covenant with Moses (on Mount Sinai) and the Israelites, so they would recognize him and serve him as the one living and true God. Laws, rules and commandments are necessary for order and harmony to prevail. They are God’s laws for us that Jesus teaches about loving God and one another. Recognize the ways to live the law of love and appreciate the meaning of God’s covenant to us. The effect of obeying the Ten Commandments is beatitude, that is, happiness. The Beatitudes are not mere suggestions nor ideals but commandments. The Ten Commandments are Beatitudes, and the Beatitudes are commandments.

The Ten Commandments are a moral code.

The Ten Commandments constitute basic principles for living a moral life. They were revealed specifically to Moses but they are also written on the hearts of all people. Because of our weakness God revealed that which was already natural to our existence. The Ten Commandments are the natural law in God’s handwriting. ***They are a great gift and are the cornerstone of thousands of years of morality.***

The Beatitudes fulfill the Ten Commandments.

Christ revealed the Beatitudes as a means of perfecting the Old Law (Ten Commandments). The Beatitudes present attitudes that ensure holiness when lived in conjunction with the Ten Commandments. Christ came to elevate the souls of men that they may love beyond their nature and be like Christ. ***The Beatitudes are instructions in how to be like Christ.***

- *We Believe* -

TEN COMMANDMENTS – laws given to us by God to help us live as his people.

COVENANT – a special agreement between God and his people.

HUMAN RIGHTS - the basic rights that all people have.

- *We Respond* – watch DVD - “Close Encounters with the Commandments” 19 min.

1. Complete the attached 10 Commandments worksheet.

2. Write the Ten Commandments as Beatitudes on the tablets

(*you can cut them or write them - and glue them onto paper bags to make it a project*).

We are just starting the Ten Commandments and will spend many lessons on them, so today is an introduction.

“You shall love the Lord your God,
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
and with all your mind.”

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

“Think of an agreement you have made with another person. What did each of you promise to do? Did you keep that promise?”

Homework: Watch 1 television program and tally how many times each of the Ten Commandments is broken using the attached sheet.

Catechist background:

http://www.therealpresence.org/archives/Beatitudes/Beatitudes_006.htm

<http://www.ainglkiss.com/10com/>

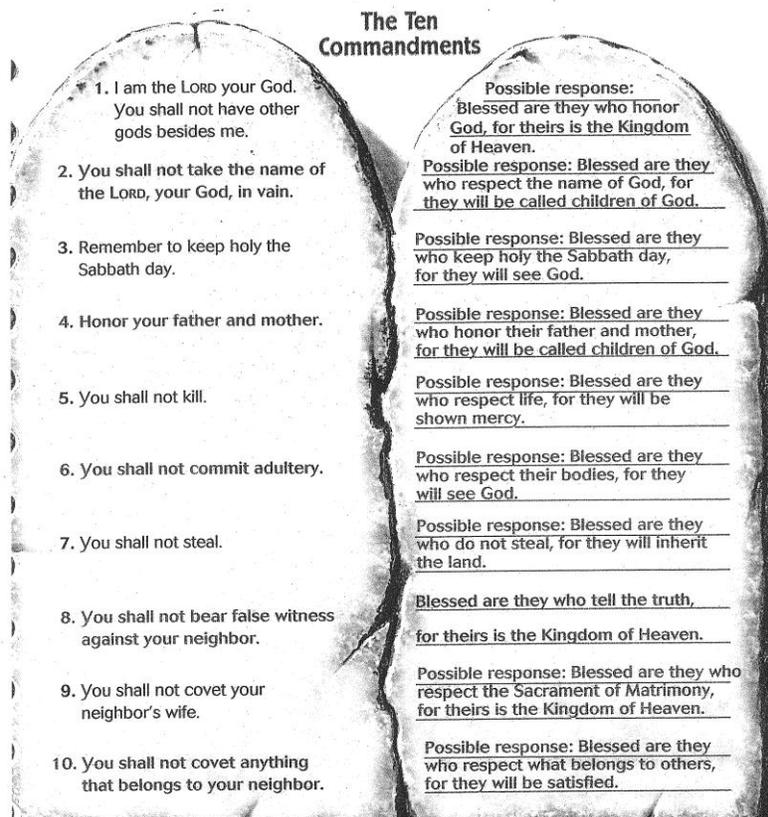
<http://www.silk.net/RelEd/10comm.htm>

<http://www.stmga.org/200607/pages/BeatitudeResources.htm>

<http://www.holyspiritinteractive.net/kids/lighthouse/10.asp>

<http://copiosa.org/commandments/>

<http://www.jesuschristsavior.net/Beatitudes.html>



The 10 Commandments (current interpretation and suggested Beatitude match-up)

I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other Gods besides me.

Love God and thank God for everything.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.

Be thoughtful and kind in what you say and do

Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth.

Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Spend time with God on Sunday.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness, for they shall be filled.

Honor your father and mother.

Be respectful and help family and friends members without being asked.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

You shall not kill.

Take care of all living things: people, animals & plants.

Blessed are the clean of heart: for they shall see God.

You shall not commit adultery.

Be true to what is really important.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God.

You shall not steal.

Treat other people's things as if they were your own.

Blessed are they that suffer persecution for justice' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Always tell the truth and be honest.

Blessed are ye when they shall revile you, and persecute you, and speak all that is evil against you, untruly, for my sake:

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Be happy for your friends when good things happen to them.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house, nor anything else that belongs to him.

Show God your love by loving others.

Be glad and rejoice, for your reward is very great in heaven.

Ten Commandments Tally Sheet

Please watch 1 television program and tally how many times God's covenant with us is broken!

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.

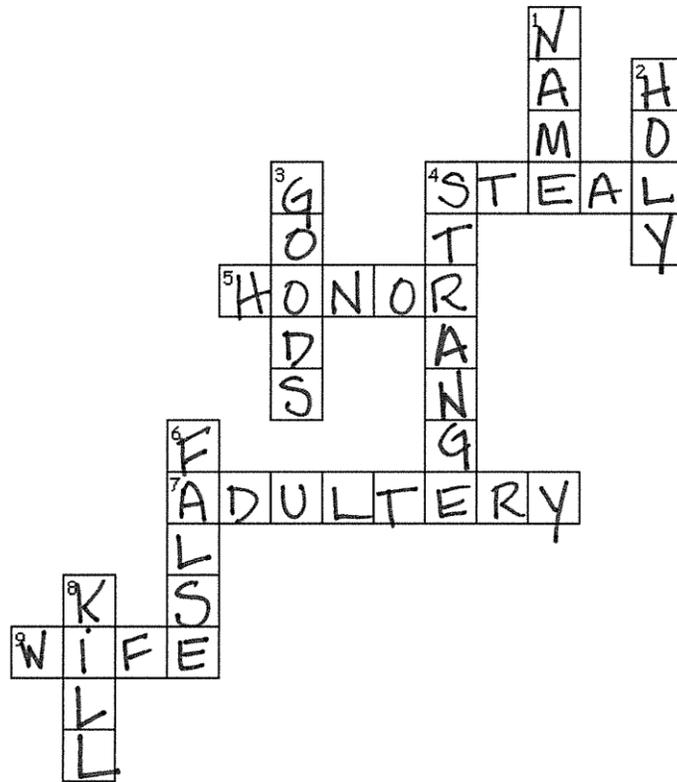
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Show God your love by loving others.

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."

CATECHIST ANSWERS

The Ten Commandments



Across

4. 7th: You shall not GO.
5. 4th: HONOR your father and mother.
7. 6th: You shall not commit ADULTERY.
9. 9th: You shall not covet your neighbor's WIFE.

Down

1. 2nd: You shall not take the NAME of the Lord your God in vain.
2. 3rd: Remember to keep SUNDAY the Lord's day.
3. 10th: You shall not covet your neighbor's THINGS.
4. 1st: I am the Lord thy God; you shall not have OTHER gods before Me.
6. 8th: You shall not bear FALSE witness against your neighbor.
8. 5th: You shall not STEAL.