

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 #18 & #23** **“The 7th and 10th Commandments”**
“You shall not steal.”
“You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.”

The Seventh and Tenth Commandments reminds us that God calls us to respect the property of others AND not to be jealous or envious of others and their property! If we have taken something that belongs to another, we are obliged to return it or make restitution. We are obliged to make amends if we have profited from the unjust treatment of others. *Do unto others as you would have done unto you!* We show disrespect when we abuse, belittle or steal another person’s property. Our property is an extension of ourselves, and disrespect for our property can be seen as disrespect for us. **Jesus teaches us that our hearts are to be filled with love and generosity, not envy and greed.** God has given us free will, reason, and a sense of responsibility. We are to use these gifts to live by His law. ***Sinning is what we do when we use our gifts of reason and free will in deviation from God’s law.*** Envy and Greed, are part of the “seven deadly sins”, to which we are most susceptible because of our fallen human nature. They are the tendencies that cause us to commit all other sins. They are called "deadly" because, if we engage in them willingly, they deprive us of sanctifying grace, the life of God in our souls. We MUST always strive to follow God’s law in a spirit of LOVE! (*Read St. Paul’s letter 1 Corinthians 13*)

- *We Believe* –
Stewards Of Creation – those who take care of everything god has given them.
Envy – a feeling of sadness when someone else has the things we want for ourselves.
Poor In Spirit – those who depend on god completely.
Greed – an excessive desire to have or own things.

- *We Respond* – play ***Hot Commandments game***

Almost like playing "hot potato," the last person holding the rock of “sin”, when the music stops needs to state one of the Ten Commandments. If the person cannot name a commandment, he is out of the game. (*use any of the songs on the We Believe 4th grade CD...I suggest #9 “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”*)

4:55pm Closing Prayer –

“Jesus, you teach us how important it is to be faithful in love. Guide us in our daily lives to stay faithful to God, family, ourselves and others.”

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

“How can I show greater respect for the goods of others?”

“How can you focus on gratitude in your life?”

Catechist Background on 7th & 10th Commandment:

<http://www.cin.org/dec9.html>

<http://www.cin.org/dec11.html>

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a7.htm

http://www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism/p3s2c2a0.htm

1 Corinthians

Chapter 13

1

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal.

2

And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing.

3

If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, (love) is not pompous, it is not inflated,

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it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury,

6

it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth.

7

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

8

Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

9

For we know partially and we prophesy partially,

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but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

11

When I was a child, I used to talk as a child, think as a child, reason as a child; when I became a man, I put aside childish things.

12

At present we see indistinctly, as in a mirror, but then face to face. At present I know partially; then I shall know fully, as I am fully known.

13

So faith, hope, love remain, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

Hot Commandments

Almost like playing "hot potato," the last person holding the rock of "sin", when the music stops needs to state one of the Ten Commandments. The catechist can decide how you want to do that:

- ✓ the catechist tells the students which # commandment to state,
- ✓ the students need to tell them in order one at a time (1st through 10th),
- ✓ the students can name any commandment they want...

If the person cannot name a commandment, he is out of the game. (*use any of the songs on the We Believe 4th grade CD...I suggest #9 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" or The Dogma Dogs "The Ten Commandments of Mt. Sinai"*)

1. I, the Lord, am your God. You shall not have other Gods besides me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.
3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.
4. Honor your father and mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's goods...nor anything else that belongs to him.