

Student Make Up Work

November 1 - Lesson "The 10 Commandments: Safeguard Life"

Parents this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. There will be questions to discuss verbally and question to answer in written format. Please sign the bottom of the sheet and return to the sermon note drop off box.

Main Idea: God wants us to nurture and safeguard all living things.

Question: How do we lift one another up and care for another in God's name?

Parent and Youth Discuss and / or Write out answer

Read the 5th Commandment and Luther's Meaning in your Small Catechism

1. What do you think this Commandment means?

2. According the meaning in the small catechism, what are the three parts of this commandment?

a. _____
b. _____
c. _____

In all the commandments there are Do's of the commandments and there are Don'ts of this commandment.

3. What are the Do's?

4. What are the Do Nots?

Luther wrote in the Large Catechism *(Which is a more detailed version of the small catechism)*

"The meaning of this commandment, then, is that no one should harm another person for an evil deed, no matter how much that person deserves it...Many people, although they do not actually commit murder, nevertheless curse others and wish such frightful things on them, that, if they were to come true, they would soon put an end to them."

5. Discuss: Do you agree that wishing harm on someone is as bad a harming them? Why or why not?
6. Discuss: Do you agree that we should not harm others even when they deserve it? Why or why not?

Spectrum Game *(Both Parent and Student do this activity)*

On a scale of 1 - 5, rate where you think each statement is concerning breaking this commandment according to Luther's meaning. Discuss with each other your reasoning.

	Kill	1	2	3	4	5	Not killing
Stab Someone							
Cut someone off in traffic							
Say bad things about a friend behind their back							
Push your brother or sister							
Drop litter?							
Throw away a plate of food							
Take a 30 minute shower							
Punch an enemy							
Eat a hamburger							
Wish the bully at school would get busted?							
Call somebody a demeaning name?							
Ignore your dog when it needs to go outside for walk?							

According to Luther, these ALL break this commandment in some way. God gives us the 5th Commandment in order to protect life, all life, including creation. It assures us safety and security out in the world.

7. We can agree that this commandment talks about not hurting someone physically. Are there other ways to hurt or kill besides in a physical way?

Luther and scripture says we should always see our neighbor's actions in the best possible light, to see our neighbors as a gift and be a service to them.

8. Discuss: what do you think it means to see our neighbors in the best possible light? Is this easy or hard to do?

Watch Youtube Video: Feeding the Homeless in NYC: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1fC6RP6tZ1Q>

Read Matthew 25: 35 - 36

9. Discuss: What did you think about the video?
10. Discuss: What is the hardest part of caring for others?
11. Discuss: Why would God want us to sacrifice for someone else/ Why are we responsible for someone else's life?

Read Matthew 5: 43 - 44

12. Who in your life is easiest for you to care about? Who is hardest?

13. What does loving your enemies have to do with the 5th Commandment?

14. What would happen if Jesus were fair and gave us exactly what we deserve?

Discuss with your parent this commandment further

15. What about situations that come down to kill or be killed?

16. What about situations of war, when helping to preserve the life of some neighbors may entail taking the lives of our neighbors?

17. Are there ways to address such conflicts without resorting to violence?

Close in Prayer with one another

Parents Signature: _____