Student Make Up Work

November 11 - Lesson *"The 10 Commandments: Safeguard Life"*

Parents this make-up work should be done together with you and your student. *This is a very difficult topic and your student may have a lot of questions. At the end there is an optional article and video that may be upsetting for some. This is optional and up to you as parents to decide if their students can view it with them. If you choose to view it with your student, please discuss this together.*

There will be questions to discuss verbally and questions 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 <u>Write out answer</u>

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

1. What do you think this Commandment means?

   _____

   _____

2. According to 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 as 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 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?

Read Matthew 25: 35 - 36

9. Discuss: What is the hardest part of caring for others?
10. 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

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

_____

_____

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

_____

_____

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

_____

_____

Discuss with your parent this commandment further

14. What about situations that come down to kill or be killed?
15. What about situations of war, when helping to preserve the life of some neighbors may entail taking the lives of our neighbors?
16. Are there ways to address such conflicts without resorting to violence?

OPTIONAL: Parents read through this article and view this video on Brittany Maynard and her journey with Death and Dignity. Please decide if this is something you would like to discuss with your student and how we reflect on this issue in regards to the 5th commandment.

Brittany Maynard - Death with Dignity:
https://www.cnn.com/2014/10/07/opinion/maynard-assisted-suicide-cancer-dignity/index.html

Video of Brittany Maynard
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yPfe3rCcUeQ

Close in Prayer with one another

Parents Signature: _____