

Grade 7, Unit 3 Lessons

Lesson 9: A Community for Life

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Prayerfully read the following passage from Deuteronomy 30:19:

‘I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.’

Pray: Lord, help all people to have the courage and strength to choose life in all circumstances. Amen.

Intro:

Last week we looked at the first three Commandments, which help us to love God. This week we will look at the 4th & 5th Commandments, which help to love others better through listening to others and protecting life.

Watch & Learn:

Today many people disagree about what is right and what is wrong. As Catholics, we believe that some things are always wrong. This means we believe in Objective Truth – that if something is wrong, it is wrong for everyone.

Relativism by Chris Stefanick: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCScldOePv8>

Does disagreeing with someone mean that you are intolerant? Why or why not?

Explore:

Read p. 114-115. Explain the difference between Abortion, Suicide & Euthanasia.

Ending Prayer:

Watch 8.0 The Next Right Thing: <https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-8-0.html> and prayerfully watch over the next few days for the ‘next right thing’ that God wants you to do.

Lesson 10: Integrity of Heart

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Father God, open our eyes and our hearts to the truth. Guide us as we make choices each day, and give us the courage and wisdom to chose wisely. Amen

Intro:

Last week we learned about objective truth; that some things are true for everyone. God gives us the Commandments to help us understand what is right and what is wrong for us all. Today we will look at the 6th, 7th & 9th Commandments.

Watch & Learn:

Q & A with Jason Evert: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OEfd2A-Cvug>

Answer the following questions about the video:

1. Explain what Jason means when he says ‘the the total gift of the body should go along with the total gift of the person’

2. How is sex a sign of what’s to come?

Explore:

Read p. 126-127. Write below how you can be a good steward of God’s creation:

Ending Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the cross]

Dear Father, let us love not only in word or speech, but with actions and truth. Amen

Lesosn 11: People of Truth

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Make known to me your ways Lord; teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior. Amen

Intro:

The past few weeks we have been learning about the commandments and how they can help us become our best versions. Today we will finish reviewing the commandments by looking at the importance of the truth and avoiding envy.

Watch and Learn:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-11-0.html>

You never know the power or effects of a single act of kindness or truth. Explain how one act of kindness from the farmer’s son changed the world:

Explore:

Our mission isn’t some big job we have to wait to accomplish until we are older. Our mission is to make loving choices each moment of each day. The commandments can help guide us to know the right choice to make.

Read p. 137 & 139 and answer the following questions:

Why is telling the truth vital to our relationships with people?

What is the danger in being greedy or envying others?

Using your notes or your text book, complete the following review sheet on the commandments.

Ending Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Lord we come before you seeking the courage to have generous and loving hearts. Pray 1 Our Father. Amen

The Commandments

The Two Greatest Commandments

(Matthew 22:38-39)

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Love your neighbor as yourself.

The Ten Commandments

(Exodus 20:1-17)

Commandment	How We Keep Them	How We Break Them
1. I am the Lord your God; You shall not have strange gods before me.		
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.		
3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.		
4. Honor your father and your 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.		

Lesson 12: The Lord's Prayer

Opening Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Pray the Our Father... Amen.

Intro:

We have been learning guidelines from the commandments to help our relationships with God and others. Prayer is the foundation of our personal relationship with God. Taking this time away from the world is necessary in order to hear His voice.

Watch and learn:

<https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/decision-point-session-4-0.html>

What was the devil's plan in the story?

Explore:

When Jesus' disciples asked Him to teach them to pray, He taught them the Our Father. The Our Father is an amazing prayer that actually summarizes the Gospel.

Meaning of the Our Father: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKlusTOMe1o&t=199s>

List the 7 Petitions of the Our Father:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____

The Our Father is so familiar that we can run the risk of saying it instead of praying it. Watch the following video for a fun reminder of the importance of praying vs. saying.

Our Father: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6bEYsXI5RU>

Ending Prayer: [Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross]

Now that you understand the difference between saying and praying, slowly and prayerfully pray the Our Father, recognizing the 7 petitions as you do. Amen