

## Grade 4 Safe Environment Lesson Plan

### Grade 4 Theological Concept – The Ten Commandments

#### Lesson 2 (2 of 4 Lessons) Inappropriate Gifts

**Objective** - Students will appropriately answer the following questions:

1. If someone gives you something you shouldn't have, what should you do?
2. How do you honor what your mother and father tell you to do?
3. Do you owe a gift-giver anything?

**Resources and Connections** – Copy of the Ending Prayer for each student. This can be covered during the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments.

**Estimated Time:** 20 minutes

**Lesson:** Lead a class discussion on the objectives. Suggestions for class discussion:

- *Whole class discussion* – have students raise their hands to respond.
- *Small group discussions* – divide class into small groups (3-4 students). Have each group discuss each question for about 5 minutes. Have a reporter from each group report the groups' answers.

1. How do you honor what your mother and father tell you to do?

*Guide the students into these conclusions:*

- *You honor your mother and father by saying “No” and walking away when someone gives you something you shouldn't have, even when it's something you would really like (10<sup>th</sup>).*
- *You are obeying the 4<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Commandments.*

2. If someone gives you something you shouldn't have, what should you do?

*Guide the students into these conclusions:*

- *You should say “No” and walk away.*
- *Tell a trusted adult what happened.*
- *The trusted adult will know what should happen next. The Holy Spirit will help them know.*

3. Do you owe a gift-giver anything?

*Guide the students into these conclusions?*

*(This is a review of an earlier lesson. Repetition is valuable on this particular question/answer. Gift-giving is key in the grooming process.)*

- *No, a real gift is something freely given. A real gift is not given with the intention of getting something in return.*
- *Sometimes people do not have good intentions, and they want something in return for a gift they have given you.*

- *Sometimes people want you to do something bad for them in return for a gift they have given you. If you are asked to do something in return for a gift that makes you feel 'funny,' 'bad,' or unsafe' you must say 'No.' Walk away, run away, or yell loudly. Tell someone you trust what happened.*

**Ending Prayer:**

Recite the following prayer with the students.

Dear Jesus,

When You walked this earth, You showed that You love little children.

We know that You love us.

It is hard for us to hear that some people do not treat children the way You did.

We know that some people hurt children by their words and actions.

Help us to forgive them.

Help us to learn how to protect ourselves, and others, from harm.

Bless all those who help us keep safe.

Amen.