

Lesson 13– Family Love

Grade 4 - Chapter 13

KEY CONCEPT

God created humans to live in strong, loving families. The Fourth, Sixth, and Ninth Commandments provide basic laws of family love and respect.

QUICK SESSION OVERVIEW

STEP 1 - WELCOME

STEP 2 - INVITE

STEP 3 - DISCOVER

STEP 4 - LIVE

STEP 5 - CLOSING

Always Address the “so what?” Question

- **The tradition, doctrines, scripture and heritage we possess sit in a vacuum if they are not connected with real life experiences**
- **There is always a “why” behind each teaching of the Faith**
- **These are the most important things to explain to our youth because that is when true learning happens. They are able to connect it with a reason instead of just being told what to do**
- **Don’t pass up opportunities to address these questions. If left unanswered, the lesson will be forgotten by the kids by the time they get into the car to go home!**
- **If you don’t the “why” behind a teaching, just ask! None of us are perfect to have each answer but that’s why we are called to community with those around to help each of us learn more.**

STEP 1 - WELCOME

TIP

Community Activity – word search

STEP 2 – INVITE

TIP

Let us Pray (pg. 189)

Chapter Story: “All Shapes and Sizes”

God loves each family, no matter what its shape or size. He wants each family member to be a sign of his love within the family.

- **Use this story after the opening prayer, before explaining that our families are god’s gift to us.**
- **Read aloud the story as the children follow along**
- **Ask: What do you do to share God’s love with your family?**
- **Have the children draw pictures of their family members.**
- **After having them write captions telling how each person shares God’s love, transition back to the lesson instruction.**

All Shapes and Sizes

God loves each family, no matter what its shape or size. He wants each family member to be a sign of his love within the family.

- Now think about who in your family has shown you God’s love.
- List things you do to share God’s love with your family.

- Create a photo album of your family. Draw each person, and write about how he or she shares God’s love.

STEP 3 – DISCOVER

TIP

Honor and Respect (pg. 190)

- **Read paragraphs about the fourth commandment.**
- **Ask: What does the Fourth Commandment require?**
- **Read the scripture passage and talk about how Jesus lived out the fourth commandment. (Can talk about the information in the scripture background section to help the children understand more of Jesus' life)**

Living the Fourth commandment

- **Read paragraphs. Talk about what it means to be a good role model.**
- **Talk about the Joyful Events in the Bible. (teacher copy pg. 191) In Mary's life she had the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Nativity, the Presentation, and the finding of Jesus in the temple. Can pray a decade of the rosary with the children if there is time.**

Faithful Love (pg. 192)

- **Read paragraphs about the sixth and ninth commandments.**
- **Ask: What do the Commandments teach about love?**
- **Ask the children to raise their hand if they have been to a wedding. Have them share what they saw or heard.**
- **Can talk about the information in the Quick tip section (pg. 193) Some children may live in nontraditional families.**

Virtues and You

- **Read paragraphs**
 - **Explain Catholic faith words.**

God's Love Strengthens

Activity – Do the Connect your Faith crossword puzzle.

STEP 4 – LIVE

TIP

Our Catholic Life

- **How can you follow God's commandments in your family life? (pg. 194)**
- **Do the Live Your Faith section.**

People of Faith

- **Discuss about Blessed Louis Martin and Blessed Marie-Azelie Martin**

STEP 5 – CLOSING

TIP

Pray:

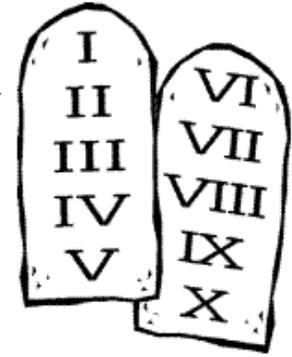
- **Our Father**
- **Memorare**

Take Homes:

- **Family and Faith**
- **Chapter Reviews**

The Ten Commandments

And God spoke all these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. "You shall have no other gods before me." Exodus 20:1-3



Based on Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

W G Y O F W S T R P E B H T A
 G A E Q A O E M D S F Y O H D
 D P U E G V E S U O K Q N I U
 L S M N O S H O E R N Y O D L
 W A O C U T H K E V D K R O T
 N L L S L I S H Y X E E E L E
 Y R I O D A T S Q A G N R Y R
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 I Z W S E E G E E L U L C H H
 F H H O L Y R N R F L I V E I
 E L R C P T E S T I M O N Y P

SABBATH	NAME	MURDER	LIVE	HOUSE
WIFE	FALSE	REMEMBER	DAY	IDOL
COVET	WORSHIP	MOTHER	LONG	FATHER
LORD	NEIGHBOR	DONKEY	SEVENTH	STEAL
MISUSE	HONOR	ADULTERY	TESTIMONY	HOLY