

Lesson 6: 8th-10th Commandments

TEACHER PREPARATION

Watch Pastor Buetow's Video Catechism and answer the questions in the comments.

[Video Catechism: The 8th Commandment](#)

[Video Catechism: The 9th Commandment](#)

[Video Catechism: The 10th Commandment](#)

TEACHER GUIDE

Target Question:

How does sin break stuff?

How does it affect even the stuff you can't see?

Link to presentation slides:

Confirmation Year 1: [Lesson 6 Slides](#)

Opening:

Sing together [These Are the Holy Ten Commands](#)

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Memory Work

Recite the entire 6 chief parts of the Catechism

Brain Break Time!

Suggestion:

Dance party!

Play music for a minute or two and let your students dance it out!

Instruction/Discussion

What is the 8th Commandment?

You shall not bear false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

What is the gift of the 8th Commandment?

God gives us a reputation (our good name).

What does “explain everything in the kindest way” mean?

Put the best construction on what other people say and do. Cut your neighbor some slack, show them mercy, cover their words and actions with Jesus’ blood and forgiveness.

Have students discuss the power of words - for good and for evil.

Words have power. God created the world using only words. If words have that kind of power for good, think of what they can do for evil. The children’s saying “sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me.” is false. Evil words against someone can destroy them more than physical harm ever could.

How does breaking the 8th Commandment speak against the cross for your neighbor?

Jesus died on the cross for all of the evils you may be talking about. Those sins are gone. If Christ forgave it, why are you still talking about it?

How is gossip an attempt to punish?

Gossip is an attempt to see another person harmed for what you think they get away with. Is this your job to do?

Is it breaking the 8th Commandment if it’s true?

If what we are saying about another isn’t “defending him, speaking well of him, and explaining everything in the kindest way” then yes, it is still breaking the 8th Commandment.

Who is appointed to hear rumors and negative things about a person?

Judges, teachers, etc.

What is the 9th Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it.

What is the 10th Commandment?

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

What are the gifts of the 9th and 10th Commandments?

God gives us contentment (a state of happiness and satisfaction).

What is coveting? Is it only wanting sinful things?

Read Psalm 107:6-9

Coveting is a sin of the heart and mind - a sin that takes place inside of us. Coveting is longing for the things that have not been given to us. One can covet even God's good gifts that other people have.

How does coveting show dissatisfaction with God as a giver? Why is this a dangerous thing?

Read Genesis 3 about the fall

When we covet, we are not placing our trust in God to give us the things that we need. This did not work well for Eve. She desired (coveted) to be like God so much that she ate the fruit from the tree which caused the fall of mankind.

Compare and contrast commandments 1, 9 and 10

Give students a minute or two to brainstorm and write down their answers:

1st Commandment

- We should fear, love and trust in God above all things
- “Love the Lord your God with ALL your heart and with ALL your soul and with ALL your strength and with ALL your mind.” (Matthew 22:37)
- If we’re honest with ourselves, we don’t fully fear, love and trust in God

9th and 10th Commandments

- “For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death.” (Romans 7:5)
- Our desires are wrong and bound in sin.
- We want all sorts of things/people that don’t belong to us.

Closing

Sing together [Water, Blood and Spirit Crying](#)
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Homework

Watch [Pastor Simek’s weekly video](#)
Discussion questions with parents

Supplemental Activities

If you have extra time, try some of these activities to continue your learning!

- 8th Commandment: Watch and discuss HT’s Largely Catechized Life, [Episode 40 “God Cares About Your Reputation”](#) with Pastor Harrison Goodman
- 9th and 10th Commandments: Watch and discuss HT’s Largely Catechized Life, [Episode 45 “Thou Shalt Not Repeat Thyself...Unless It’s Important”](#) with Pastor Harrison Goodman
- Have your students share what they talked about with their parents this week when working through the discussion questions
- 8th Commandment T/F game
- [10 Commandment Review Quizlet](#)

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