

Lesson 5: 6th and 7th Commandments

TEACHER PREPARATION

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

[Video Catechism: The 6th Commandment](#)

[Video Catechism: The 7th Commandment](#)

TEACHER GUIDE

Target Question:

What is chastity?

What is property?

Link to presentation slides:

Confirmation Year 1: [Lesson 5 Slides](#)

Opening:

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

LSB 581

Memory Work

Recite the entire 6 chief parts of the Catechism

Brain Break Time!

Suggestion:

Energize in 5, 4, 3, 2, 1

Get hearts pumping with a quick sequence of exercises. Call out 5 actions for your students to do as quickly as they can. For instance, 5 jumping jacks, 4 push-ups, 3 situps, 2 squat jumps, and 1 burpee.

Instruction/Discussion

What is the 6th Commandment?

You shall not commit adultery

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure (chaste) and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

What is the gift of the 6th Commandment?

God gives us marriage and the model for marriage, which is Jesus and the Church.

What is marriage?

Read Genesis 2:24-25

Marriage is when man leaves his father and mother and makes a life and a family with his wife. Through this union, the man and woman become one flesh.

In a previous printing of the Small Catechism, the meaning to this commandment says “we lead a chaste and decent life...”. What does it mean to lead a chaste life?

Use your best judgement based on age and maturity level when discussing these topics. They will also be brought up again in more depth in Confirmation - Year 3.

Chastity is not just not cheating on your spouse. Chastity is about protecting your family, even if you don't have it yet. Even as a teenager, you can do things in thought, word and deed that will be helpful (or hurtful) in building your future family. In what you think - lustful thoughts or thoughts while engaging in porn will change how you see your family. In what you do - what consequences will premarital sex have on your future family? In what you say - words have power. How you think about those of the opposite sex will color the way you see your future husband or wife.

Can we practice chastity perfectly? Why should we still try?

Read 1 John 1:8-10

Read Matthew 7:24-27

No, we cannot practice chastity perfectly because we are all sinners. We should still try to practice chastity for the protection of our family, whether we have it now or we will have it in the future.

What does Jesus say about marriage and divorce?

Read Matthew 19:1-9

Jesus says that marriage was not created to include divorce. But because of man's sin or unforgiveness and hardness of heart, divorce was created. He says that anyone who is divorced and remarried, except in instances of sexual immorality, commits adultery.

Keeping in mind the previous question, are there instances which may allow divorce?

Sexual immorality and desertion (abandonment).

Should reconciliation be attempted in cases of abuse?

Reconciliation shouldn't even be considered if anyone is unsafe.

Reconciliation, if possible, should be sought only *after*:

- All legal requirements are met,
- Emotional, mental, physical safety is assured for all victims
- The abuser and the victim(s) have gone through separate and safe counseling, as well as confession and absolution,
- Joining counseling that is determined to be safe by all interested parties and counselors.
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Is divorce a sin? Is there forgiveness? Where?

Read Mark 10:2-16

Yes, divorce is a sin. But Christ fulfilled the law perfectly for us. Therefore, we find forgiveness in his death and crucifixion on the cross.

For whom did God design marriage?

He who created them from the beginning made them male and female.

Why does God design marriage this way (between one male and one female, for life)?

- God doesn't set up the 6th Commandment just so He can judge people, or so that only "good people" can get into heaven.
- He protects marriage because marriage was created to be a picture of Christ and the Church.
- With Jesus saving His Church, we get the "why" behind the "what" of the 6th Commandment. "In marriage we see a picture of the communion between Christ and His bride, the Church." (LSB 275)

- The one-flesh union of husband and wife is the children God procreates through them.

What is the 7th Commandment?

You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

What is the gift of the 7th Commandment?

God gives us possessions.

What is the root of all evil?

Read 1 Timothy 6:10

The love of money is the root of all evil.

What are ways we break the 7th Commandment?

Have students take a couple of minutes to brainstorm answers

YOUR NEIGHBOR'S VISIBLE STUFF

- Take money from mom/dad/siblings
- Take things that don't belong to you
- Shoplift
- Theft online (download or watch something you didn't pay for)
- Digital piracy: record something you didn't pay for or have permission to record

YOUR NEIGHBOR'S INVISIBLE STUFF

- Take credit for something you didn't do
- Cheat on a test
- Waste time at school/work/practice
- Plagiarize

What are other ways we steal?

Read Psalm 37:21

Read Leviticus 19:35

When we borrow from others and do not pay them back we are stealing. We are also stealing when we give a dishonest amount back to the person.

Who is our neighbor?

Our neighbor is anybody we know or don't know, who own "stuff." This includes stores and other businesses. So shoplifting from a store or taking office supplies from a company would also be sinning against our neighbors.

Is ignoring your neighbor in need a sin?

Read 1 John 3:17

Yes, this is a sin. God loves your neighbor and in this commandment he demands us not only to not take our neighbor's possessions but to "improve and protect his possessions and income."

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!

- 6th Commandment: Watch and discuss HT's [Largely Catechized Life, "Episode 35: I'm no Superman"](#) with Pastor Harrison Goodman
- 7th Commandment: Watch and discuss HT's [Largely Catechized Life, "Episode 37: Yep, That's Stealing"](#) With Pastor Harrison Goodman
- Have your students share what they talked about with their parents this week when working through the discussion questions
- [Kahoot 6th and 7th Commandments](#)

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