

# The 10 Commandments



# Devotion

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# *Activity*




What/who do you love?  
What's in your heart?  
What's important to you?

- Bible Text: Deuteronomy 30:15-20; John 15:8-17; Joel 2:12-14
- Lesson Focus: God's Commandments, given in love, protect our lives, our relationships, and the rights of all people.
- Big Question: Why does God give us all these rules?

## Key Words

**COMMANDMENTS:** from military orders to God's Decalogue ("10 Words"), things we must do because of the wisdom and love behind them. (These aren't merely suggestions!)

**COMMUNITY:** the state of being connected to those who both offer and receive love and support from one another.



**PRIORITY:** something regarded more or most important.

**IDOLATRY:** turning a good thing into an ultimate thing; turning something that that is not God into a god.

**SABBATH:** a day set apart for rest and worship of God.

## The First Three Commandments

- Focus on relationship with God
  - Leading to healthy/balanced life
- Promote good order
- Fear?
- Law
- Gospel



The Small Catechism  
P.296

**The First Commandment**  
You shall have no other gods.

What is this or what does this mean?

We are to fear, love, and trust God above all things.





## The Second Commandment

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.

### What is this? Or what does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not curse, swear, practice magic, lie, or deceive using God's name, but instead use that very name in every time of need to call on, pray to, praise, and give thanks to God.



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## The Third Commandment

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.

**What is this? Or what does this mean?**

We are to fear and love God, so that we do not despise preaching or God's word, but instead keep that word holy and gladly hear and learn it.



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## The Next Commandments

- Focus on relationship with the neighbor
  - Who is the neighbor?
  - Who isn't the neighbor? **TRICK QUESTION!!**



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## The Fourth Commandment

Honor your father and your mother.

What is this? Or what does this mean?

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither despise nor anger our parents and others in authority, but instead honor, serve, obey, love, and respect them.



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## **The Fifth Commandment**

You shall not murder.

**What is this? Or what does this mean?**

We are to fear and love God, so that we neither endanger nor harm the lives of our neighbors, but instead help and support them in all of life's needs.



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To be continued. . .

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