



# TEACHER TRACK

## FOURTH AND FIFTH COMMANDMENTS

Unit 1: Lesson 4

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### Video Preparation- Introduction

**Video:** [The Fourth Commandment](#)

Watch the Video: The Fourth Commandment with Pastor Mark Buetow and answer the questions in the video description.

**Video:** [The Fifth Commandment](#)

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## TEACHER GUIDE

### Target Questions

Second Table: How does God work through sinners to preserve life?

### Presentation Slides

Confirmation Year 1: Lesson 4 Slides (Pptx. version available in download folder)

### Opening

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

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### Memory Work

Recite the entire Six Chief Parts of the catechism.

### Brain Break Time!

#### Crossing the Midline

First, instruct kids to touch their left elbows to their right knees, then touch their right elbows to their left knees. Switch back and forth, going slowly at first, building speed until they are going at a vigorous pace. Next, have them do some windmills by standing tall with their feet shoulder-width apart and their arms stretched out. Have the kids bend at the waist and touch their right hands to their left toes, then their left hands to their right toes. Switch back and forth.



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### Instruction/Discussion

#### What is the Fourth Commandment?

Honor your father and your mother.

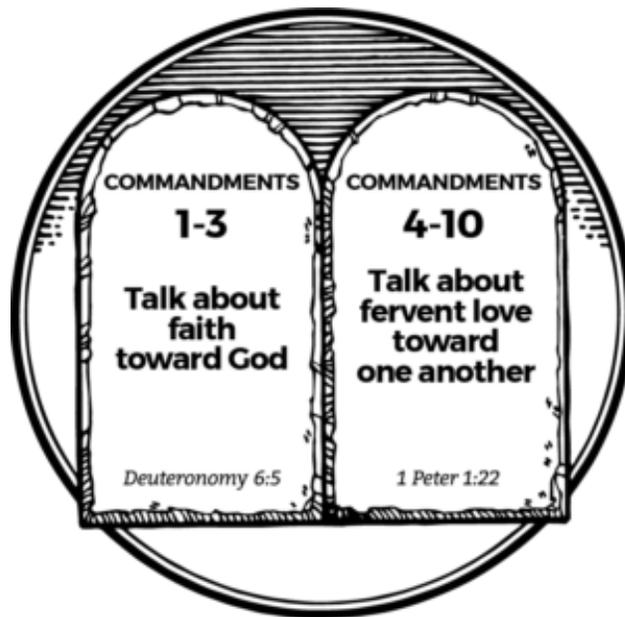
#### What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise or anger our parents and other authorities, but honor them, serve and obey them, love and cherish them.

#### We are moving on to the Second Table of the Law.

#### Explain what each Table of the Law is about.

The First Table of the Law explains how we relate to and love God. The Second Table of the Law is about how we relate to and love our neighbor.



#### What is the gift of the Fourth Commandment?

God gives us the gift of parents and other authorities.

#### Do things typically go better or worse when we obey the Law?

Read

- Ephesians 6:1-3



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In obeying this commandment, God gives us a promise. “Honor your father and your mother that it may go well with you and you may live long in the land.” This promise, “that you may live long in the land,” shows that things go better when we obey the Law.

### **What about when our parents (or other authorities) are wrong? Do we still have to obey them?**

Read

- Acts 5:29

When our parents or other authorities are wrong about scriptural things, we must obey God rather than man. For example, if your parents told you to steal something from a store, you could look at the Seventh Commandment, “You shall not steal,” and refuse to obey them without breaking the Fourth Commandment.

### **What are the three estates?**

- Home/family
- Government/world
- Church

### **What is the purpose of each estate?**

Read

- Romans 13:1-7
- Hebrews 13: 17

Home/family cares for your body and your soul.

Government/world cares for your body.

The Church cares for your soul.

**Name the three estates in life where God gives us authorities as a gift (top row).**

**Give some examples of each estate (middle row).** *Middle row answers will vary*

**Indicate the purposes of each estate (bottom row).**



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| 1. Home                                      | 2. World   | 3. Church   |
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| parents, grandparents, babysitters, teachers | police, presidents, doctors, bosses, managers, company owners, coaches | pastors<br>(Note: There is one God-given office: pastors. But there are many vocations the church has used from time to time to assist pastors: teachers, DCEs, youth leaders, Sunday School teachers, deaconesses, etc.) |
| They care for your body and soul.            | These people care for your body.                                       | These people care for your soul.  |

### Why can't the government or the church care for both the body and the soul?

It is not the job of the church or pastor to punish someone for their sins. They are there to give God's forgiveness. In the same way, it is the job of the government to "bear the sword," to punish wrongdoing. We cannot confess our sins to one who wields the sword without expecting the repercussions of that wrongdoing.

### What is the Fifth Commandment?

You shall not murder.

### What does this mean?

We should fear and love God so that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and support him in every physical need.

### What is the gift of the Fifth Commandment?

God gives us life.

### "But help and support him in every physical need." God wants your body to be protected. If this is the case, does He want you to die?

Read

- 1 Corinthians 15:55-56

No, God does not want us to die. We die because of our sin.



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### Can we avoid death?

Read

- Romans 6:23

We cannot avoid physical death. We are all sinners, so we will all die, but, as Christians, we look forward to eternal life in Christ.

### What are some ways you can break the Fifth Commandment?

Give students 2-3 minutes to discuss and brainstorm possible answers.

- Unauthorized taking of someone's life
- Killing an unborn child (abortion)
- Killing the elderly or a sick person (euthanasia)
- Not helping someone who needs our help, resulting in bodily harm
- Hatred of another person (bullying/"canceling"/racism)
- Killing oneself (suicide)

Suicide and abortion will be covered in more depth in Year 3 of confirmation. If you or your students have concerns, use your judgment in deciding how deeply to go into this topic, based on the ages and maturity level of your students. Always remember to discuss concerns with your students' parents and/or your pastor as well.

### Medically speaking, what is the difference between killing someone and allowing them to die?

Euthanasia or medically-assisted death is killing someone by deliberately helping them speed up the dying process - for example, *giving* specific medications that will help them to die faster. Allowing someone to die is *ceasing* medications that will continue to keep that person alive and letting them die on their own.

### When does it NOT break the Fifth Commandment to kill someone?

### What is the difference between a soldier's vocation and murder?

Read

- Romans 13:1-7

God gives the authority to take life in certain circumstances, such as a soldier in war. A soldier's vocation is to protect his or her country and he or she therefore holds the authority to take a life.



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### Who took the punishment for murderers like us?

Jesus took on Himself the punishment that murderers like us deserve, even though He kept the Fifth Commandment perfectly. He was crucified and died on the Cross in our place.

### Closing

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

Remind students to watch [Pastor Simek’s weekly video](#) before the next meeting to prepare them for that lesson!

The parent track has discussion questions for families to work through before next week’s lesson. Students will work through these as well.

### Supplemental Activities

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

- Fourth Commandment: Watch and discuss HT’s [Largely Catechized Life: Ep 24 – Serve God by Serving Your Neighbor](#) with Pastor Harrison Goodman.
- Fifth Commandment: Watch and discuss HT’s [Largely Catechized Life: Ep 32 – Love Means More than Ignore](#) with Pastor Harrison Goodman.
- Have your students share what they talked about with their parents this week when working through the discussion questions.
- [Kahoot - Fourth and Fifth Commandments](#).