



TEACHER TRACK

EIGHTH, NINTH, AND TENTH COMMANDMENT

Unit 1: Lesson 6

Teacher Preparation - Introduction

Video: [The Eighth Commandment](#)

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

Video: [The Ninth Commandment](#)

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

Video: [The Tenth Commandment](#)

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

TEACHER GUIDE

Target Questions

How does sin break stuff?

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

Link to presentation slides

Confirmation Year 1 (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.



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Brain Break Time!

Dance Party!

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

Instruction/Discussion

What is the Eighth Commandment?

You shall not give 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 Eighth 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 him mercy, cover his 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 more than physical harm ever could.

How does breaking the Eighth 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?



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How is gossip an attempt to punish?

Gossip can be an attempt to see another person harmed; for example, you may think she gets away with things.. Is this your job to do?

Is it breaking the Eighth 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 Eighth Commandment.

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

Judges, teachers, etc.

What is the Ninth 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 Tenth 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 Ninth and Tenth Commandments?

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



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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 - which tells 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 the First, Ninth, and Tenth Commandments.

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

First 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.

Ninth and Tenth 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

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



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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:

- Eighth Commandment: Watch and discuss HT's [Largely Catechized Life, Episode 40 "God Cares About Your Reputation"](#) with Pastor Harrison Goodman.
- Ninth and Tenth 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.
- Eighth Commandment T/F game
- [Ten Commandment Review Quizlet](#)