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**ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION**  
**THE TEN COMMANDMENTS**  
**Lesson 3, (3) “Law and Gospel”**  
**Year 2 (7<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

After completing this lesson the student will:

- \*Know the basics of Law and Gospel.
- \*Distinguish between Law and Gospel Bible Verses
- \*Understand Bible Narratives with Law and Gospel
- \*Begin to apply Law and Gospel in their own lives.
- \*Realize the 2 major doctrines of the Bible, Law and Gospel, both are necessary.

1. Introduction:

Watch video:

2. List 3 rules in your life that make sense. Think of two reasons that God has given us rules. Think of 2 reasons that our parents, teachers, coaches and others give us rules. What would life be like without rules? Answer below.

3. Share a time in your life when someone forgave you? What happened? How did you feel? Share a time in your life when someone gave you an unexpected gift. What happened how did it feel? Have you ever forgiven someone?

4. Last week’s lesson, we discussed the beginning of Law and Gospel. Hold your Bible, we need to remember that the Bible is made up of either Law or Gospel and we must distinguish them. The Law commands good deeds and punishes sin and the Gospel proclaims the free Good News that Jesus died for our sin. In the statements below, write L for Law or G for Gospel.

\_\_\_\_\_ Through the Law we become conscience of sin.

\_\_\_\_\_ While we were yet sinners, Jesus died for us.

\_\_\_\_\_ Those who kill by the sword, shall die by the sword.

\_\_\_\_\_ You reap what you sow.

\_\_\_\_\_ For it is by grace you have been saved through faith.

\_\_\_\_\_ Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world!

Do 4 out of 6, be sure to circle those;  
5.....6.....7.....8.....9.....10

5. Open your Catechism to page 54, go to question 14. Where are the two places that God gave His law?

Read Bible verse #40, Romans 2:14-15. Can non believers (Gentiles) know the law? Where is that written? Everyone has one of these. For example; many times, we hear, let your \_\_\_\_\_ be your guide. What are some things that you have felt guilty about?

Find a globe or a map of the world. There's a lot of countries and a lot of religions out there. However, there is somewhat of a unity when it comes to how people and even most religions see rights and wrongs. After doing research on over 350 cultures worldwide including many that are isolated, it has been discovered that these cultures pretty much have the same values/rights and wrongs. Can you write down some moral values they have? (Hint, even unbelievers have this). How could they know these values/rights and wrongs? Hint, see Romans 2:14-15. God gave all a \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Open up your Bibles to Genesis 6-8, that tells the account of the global flood. This account also shows God's Law and Gospel in depth.
- A. Where is the Law in this account? Why happened and why? List 3 things.
  - B. Where is the Gospel in this account? What happened and why? List 3 things, hint, also see Genesis 9:12. How is that Gospel?
  - C. Go to 1 Peter 3:20-22, How does that show Gospel? List two ways.

7. Open up your Bibles to Luke 23:32-47.  
Where is Law? Who and How is punishment seen and delivered? List 2 ways.

Where is Gospel given, can you write down 2 Gospel statements that Jesus gives?  
Did Jesus die for you? What does He give you in His death? See John 3:16.

8. Go to pp. 275 to 283, in your Catechism. Find 5 symbols that are Gospel type symbols. Remember what the Gospel is. Draw them below and write 1 way that they proclaim the Gospel.

9. The LAW has 3 purposes.

- A. CURB, it restrains sin and motivates people by threatening to punish evil doers.
- B. MIRROR, it shows our sins, when we hear or read it, it points out our sins and faults.
- C. GUIDE, it tells us what to do and what not to do.

Below, write, C if it's law as a CURB, Write M if it's law as a Mirror or G if it's law as a Guide.

\_\_\_\_\_ Those who kill by the sword, shall die by the sword.

\_\_\_\_\_ Through the law we become aware of our sin.

\_\_\_\_\_ Love your neighbor as yourself.

\_\_\_\_\_ When they heard the Law, they were cut to the heart.

\_\_\_\_\_ Forgive as God has forgiven you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Obey authority, for it is God's agent to punish those who disobey.

\_\_\_\_\_ David was heart broken when he heard how he sinned against God.

\_\_\_\_\_ Live in peace with one another.

\_\_\_\_\_ The wages of sin is death.

Which one for us as a believer is most important? Which one for you is the most important?

10. Both Law and Gospel are needed. We need to hear the law to realize that we have sinned against God and deserve His punishment. We need to hear the law to remind us that often times we sin against God and others. The law prepares our hearts to receive the Gospel. The Gospel brings peace, hope and comfort to the sinner. The Gospel unites us to Jesus. The Gospel grants eternal life and the power to keep the law out of love for God. In these scenerios below, does the person need to hear Law or Gospel? Explain.

11.

12.

13.

14. Why do you think that God has given us rules and laws? Why do your parents have rules and laMost Americans claim to be Christians, recent polls suggest that nearly 7 out of 10 people who live in America claim to be Christians. With your parents count how many churches that you drive by going to Walmart or Menard's, or even to attend worship services here. What was your number? What does it say about Christianity here?

15. If you and your parents would stand outside of your school, Walmart, Menard's or any grocery store and ask people as they leave if they are a Christian and why? What do you suppose they would say?

-I'm a good person.

-I believe that Jesus died for me.

-Good people are Christians

-I go to church

-I belong to a church

-Religion is useless

-Church is for losers

-A Christian is a person who believes in God.

-Your own; \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete 5/7 of these. In other words, pick 5 and 2 you don't have to complete, you choose.**

Circle the ones you desire to complete 4.....5.....6.....7.....8.....9.....10

16. Take out your Catechism. Go to page 47, Go to question 1.  
Write down the answer. Read 3 Bible Verses that support that answer.  
How does this question relate to what you thought people would say that Christianity is?

17. The Bible is a big book. Sadly, to many people The Bible is more furniture than it is literature. In other words, it sits on a shelf and is rarely opened. The Bible is God's revelation about Himself. To many people the Bible is really a book of rules and laws. To other people it's a book of myths and legends, much like fairy tales. The Bible is God's Word to us. The Bible is how God revealed Himself to us. Dr. Martin Luther, who lived nearly 500 years ago and truthfully proclaimed God's Word believed that no one can properly grasp or understand the Bible without realizing that Jesus is the center and the key to the entire Bible. Go to page 48 in your Catechism. Read and answer question 2. Below question 2 are Bible verses with numbers 6-10 listed on the side. Those are verses that support the answer. Read Bible verses 7 and 9, how do those two verses show that Jesus is the center and the key to the Bible, answer next to each verse;

Luke 24:27

Ephesians 2:20.

18. Christianity is simple, but it's not easy. The Bible teaches that we are born in sin and separated from God. By the power of the Holy Spirit, a person becomes a Christian by hearing that Jesus died for them and then believes it in their heart. A person can only believe and become a Christian by the power of God, The Holy Spirit, who changes and opens one heart to realize they are a sinner and in need of a savior. With that in mind, look up these Bible Verses in a Bible and summarize what is says about Christianity.

Matthew 28:19-20

John 3:16

1 John 1:8-9

1 Corinthians 12:3

Romans 10:9.

19. Jesus tells a parable, (a teaching lesson with Jesus as the center that shares an earthly story with a heavenly meaning. A parable corrects some and blesses others). In The Parable of the Sower, find it in Matthew 13, Jesus shares about a person who scatters seed and it falls into different types of soil. Some soil is hard and the seed gets eaten. Some seed is shallow and a plant grows, but gets burned up by the sun. Some seed falls among weeds and gets choked to death and some seed falls on good rich soil and grows and blossoms. The seed is the Gospel, Jesus died for our sins and the Word of God. The type of soil are peoples' hearts. Sometimes we can be all four types. A Christian is a person who by the power of the Holy Spirit has rich soil and received the Gospel gladly. When did you and your parents become Christians and what feelings did you have about that?
20. Go to Catechism pp. 275-283. There you will find a number of symbols/pictures representing Christianity. Draw 2 symbols that you believe touched you on what it means to be a Christian. Why did you pick those two? Use the back side if needed.
21. There are three essential components of being a Christian. Do you believe all three?
- A. Believe in the Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, see Matthew 28:19-20
  - B. Believe that you are a sinner in need of forgiveness, see 1 John 1:8-9.
  - C. Trust in your heart and soul that Jesus freely forgives you, see John 3:16.
22. Martin Luther discussed The Parable of the Sower, (Matt. 13) and explains that it's really easy to become a Christian. Luther explains that there is great joy when one becomes a believer and has the gift of eternal life. Luther then shares that it's difficult to remain a Christian as there are so many temptations that come at a person. Temptations that there are better things to do than to go to church, read the Bible or fellowship with other believers. There are a number of popular beliefs that contradict and tear one away from Jesus. There are scientists who make claims that the Universe doesn't need or was created by God. Satan, our enemy seeks to steal faith in Jesus from our hearts. There are those who claim that Christianity is close minded and hateful toward others. As our life changes it's easy to fall away from believing in Jesus. Write down 3 specific things that you can do to make certain that doesn't happen to you. Read Revelation 2:10, what is the warning and blessing?
23. Say a prayer with your parents or a classmate thanking God that you're a Christian saved by grace by faith.