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ST. JOHN LUTHERAN CHURCH CONFIRMATION
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS
Lesson 4: "First Commandment" (L4)
Year 2 (7th Grade)

After completing this lesson the student will:

- *Memorize the 1st Commandment and meaning.
- *Begin completing The 10 Commandment Tablet
- *Can define what idolatry and knows the 1st Commandment deals with the heart.
- *Know what is commanded and forbidden in the First Commandment.
- *Grow in their faith that God is the only source of joy, peace and contentment.

1. Introduction:

Watch video:

2. Introduction of 10 Commandment Tablets: 10 Words to be used in the tablets:
GOD, MARRIAGE and SEXUALITY, POSSESSION, COVETING PEOPLE, REPUTATION, GOD'S WORD, GOD'S NAME, AUTHORITY, LIFE, COVETING THINGS.
3. There are two places that God wrote His Commandments. See Catechism question #14, One is in our heart, it's called our conscience, but at times it can be blurred and the other place is in His Word. Go to Deuteronomy 5:6-21, and write out the Ten Commandments.
4. What's the difference between a commandment, suggestion, a recommendation and an opinion? Give an example of each below.
5. Go to Catechism p. 56, There in red is the First Commandment and its meaning.
 - A. Write it and it's meaning on a separate sheet of paper 5 times.
 - B. Get out your Cardboard Tablet, what one word summarizes The First Commandment? Write that on the tablet by the number 1.
 - C. Go to Catechism questions 15-17, What word summarizes The 10 Commandments?

CHOOSE and COMPLETE 5 OUT OF THE NEXT 7. Circle those that you chose.
Circle 6 7 8 9 10 11 12.

6. Go to Catechism question # 19.

A. Who is the only true God?

B. Write down two Bible Verses that show that God is Triune. See Bible verses #44-48.

C. Go to pp. 275-283 in the back of your Catechism, quickly draw 3 symbols that represent the only True God, The Trinity/Triune God.

D. Dr. Martin Luther, the great Reformer stated that an idol is a 'god' found outside of the Bible. The Bible speaks of the True God, but to Dr. Luther, any other god is a god not mentioned or found in the Bible that people adore, love, admire and trust above the true God. List 5 things people worship as their 'god.'

7. Read Catechism questions #20-21 found on pp. 57-58, Answer:

A. God forbids us to have other_____.

B. People have other gods when they regard and worship any_____ or _____ as god.

C. When they believe in a _____ who is not the Triune God.

D. When they fear, love or _____ in any person or thing as they should fear, love and _____ in God alone.

E. In church we confess this Creed as a statement of faith The _____ Creed.

F. At the bottom of page 58, we see Bible Narratives that illustrate idolatry. Answer:

** The rich man thought more of _____ and _____ than God.

**Those building the Tower of Babel viewed this more important than God _____.

***Goliath trusted his _____ and _____ more than God.

****Eli honored his _____ more than God.

*****Peter feared _____ more than he loved God.

G. People have idols when they _____ one who is not the triune God.

H. Draw a picture of a treasure. Jesus said, "Where your treasure is there is your heart."
Jesus meant one treasures, what one worships is their idol/false god.

8. If I were going to wake you up at 3:00 A.M. and tell you that your worst nightmare just came true. What would that be?
If you were sad and hurting, what one thing would make you feel better and even heal you?

Draw a picture of your heart.

- A. Dr. Martin Luther says everyone has a 'God,' as that thing to which (our heart) we look in times of distress and pain or that things which we look for all good. Dr. Luther says that everyone has a God as all place trust in something! What did you learn about yourself when asked about your nightmare or what would comfort you?
- B. Read Question 22 in your Catechism found on pp. 59-60. Complete the three things God requires of us in this commandment.

*We fear God and we revere Him alone as the _____ being & honor Him with our _____.

**We love God _____ all things as we cling to _____ alone & _____ our lives to Him.

***We trust in God above all _____ as we _____ our lives to Him and _____ on Him.

9. Look at the *Bible Narratives* for Question 22 found on pp. 59-60 in your Catechism. This showed how people KEPT the commandment.

A. Complete:

*The three men in the fiery furnace _____ feared God more than the King.

**Abraham _____ God more than His son.

***Joseph _____ the temptation of Potiphar's wife.

****David _____ in the Lord when he fought Goliath.

*****Abram _____ his country to go where the Lord sent him.

*****Daniel _____ himself to the Lord's keeping.

- B. DRAWING: Next to each *Bible narrative* lists the place in the Bible that tells of how these godly people kept the 1st Commandment. Pick one of these people, find the place in the Bible that tells of this person and their story. Read that section of the Bible and draw a picture of how they kept, obeyed and followed this.

10. Go to question 23, on pp. 60-61. Who can keep this and other commandments?
Who is the only person not to break any of the commandments?

A. Bible verse review according to question 23.

Eccl. 7:20, "Surely there is _____ a righteous person on earth who does _____."

1 John 1:8, "If we say we have _____ sin, we deceive ourselves and the _____ is not in us."

John 15:14, "If you _____ Me, you would _____ my commandments."

Phil. 2:13, "It is God who _____ in you both to will and to work for His _____ pleasure"

B. Go to pp. 275-283 in the back of your Catechism: Draw 2 pictures that show the Holiness of God and Jesus and 2 pictures that describe your fear, love and trust in God above all things.

11. Write out the first commandment and its meaning below. If we can keep The First Commandment, we can keep them all, if we break any other Commandment we break the First Commandment as we have another 'god.' Share what is being fear, loved and trusted above God when people break these commandments.

FIRST COMMANDMENT AND MEANING:

When a person has an idol in their heart, they fear, love and trust;

When a person swears with God's name they fear, love and trust;

When a person doesn't attend public worship they fear, love and trust;

When a person doesn't respect or obey authority, they fear, love and trust;

When a person harms or kills another person, they fear, love and trust;

When a person commits adultery and is sexually immoral;

When a person steals or doesn't do their best they fear, love and trust;

When a person gossips or lies about someone else, they fear, love and trust;

When a person is jealous and covets something or someone else, they fear, love and trust;

CLOSING: Pray, "I am trusting thee Lord Jesus, trusting only thee, trusting thee for full salvation great and free. Lord to whom shall we go, you have the words of eternal life. Amen."