

Lesson 2



Theme: God's Laws of Love

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this lesson, your child should be able to:

- Identify ways to show love for God & love for others
- Recite the Great Commandment
- Relate their understanding of covenant to following God's Law

Key Words

1. Covenant
2. eternal life
3. Great Commandment

Materials Needed for this Week:

- Candle, Bible, and poster creation materials: paper, markers
- Copy of Mass questionnaire to be completed and turned in each week.
 - If your child has to miss Mass, please fill out backside of questionnaire and turn in.

Looking Ahead: Sign up for which Saint your child will present next month! (List by Shelly's office.)

PARENTS

Keep in Mind

This week, we focus on Law and Love by highlighting how and why we act morally out of love. This will help your child better understand Jesus's command to "love one another, as I have loved you (John 15:12)." When we love, we act in consideration of others – putting their needs above our own.

- *Point out how important it is for people who love each other to value each other's feelings, needs, and opinions. As we follow God's Law of Love we stretch our capacity for holiness (& its not always easy!) God calls us to a life of obedience and promises us eternal life in return.*

This chapter's theme builds on last week's theme of how much God loves us by discussing how God made us out of love and that He knows what is best for us.

Preparatory Thoughts:

- Which of the Ten Commandments is most challenging to you? Why?
- How have you chosen to live out the Covenant with God?
- Read through the attached (2) Examination of Conscience/for Youth – These put the commandments into questions that children can better process/relate to: A.) For young children & B.) For older youth.

Daily Prayer:

Lord, Please help me love others. Be my guiding light so that I might walk the way of love. *Amen.*

PARENT & CHILD

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***Don't rush ~ A page (or two) a night = easily done! ***

Day One: Mom's Rule

- Create a Family Rules poster based on the verse from Psalm 143 (pg. 22/23). After you read the 'Mom's Rule' story discuss the questions in the golden frame – create a list of family rules that your family has to create a loving home. (Note: Subway Art style is always fun! See: Provided examples.)
 - ✓ *Practice the Sign of the Cross and pray the Five Finger Prayer together focusing on those in our lives we love (attached).*
 - ✓ *Challenge them to do something special, out of love, for each person in your family this week. Keep notes!*
****FOLLOW UP (on Day 4)****

Day Two: What Must I Do?

- Light a candle and let your child hold your bible or prayer book to connect the story to the Word of God.
- Prior to reading this story, examine the picture together & explain that in this story a man is asking Jesus what God wants him to do. Ask your child to imagine they are there with Jesus too. After reading the story ask: What does God want for the man? (**Eternal life.**) What does that mean? (**Live forever with God.**)
- Discuss questions in **LETS TALK** box
 - ✓ *Practice the Sign of the Cross and have your child lead Grace before dinner.*

Day Three: Loving God

- Read the first paragraph and give an example of a mutual promise: "If you brush your teeth and put on your pajamas & then I promise to tell you a story." When your child does what you ask – it shows their love for you and you show your love back by keeping your end of the promise. This is similar to a Holy Promise or covenant we keep with God – He promises, 'I will be with you forever and tells us to love Him and others by following His Ten Commandments.'
 - SEE 'God's Big 10' to help better define the 10 Commandments to children.
 - Discuss the questions posed on Examination of Conscience (Use your discretion on choice of the 2 versions.)
 - Focus on the GREAT COMMANDMENT: You shall love your God with your whole soul and with all your heart & love your neighbor as yourself. We are called to love one another & by doing so, then everyone will know we are disciples!
- ✓ *Reinforce: Do activity on page 30/31.*
- ✓ *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

Day Four: Walking the Way of Love

- Complete the maze together & Remind your child that, as followers of Jesus, we should love as He did.
- In place of creating a weekly calendar, think back to Day 1's Challenge by talking about what your child did this week, special, for each family member.
- Praise them for keeping God's Great Commandments!
 - ✓ *Practice the Sign of the Cross and say The Glory Be*

WRAP UP

1. Review your completed FAMILY RULES poster together as a family
2. Bring them to class and we'll display them.
3. Once returned home, hang it in a place of honor in your home! 😊



In Our Home

Always be honest
PROVERBS 12:22

Forgive and forget
MICAH 7:18

Be kind hearted
EPHESIANS 4:32

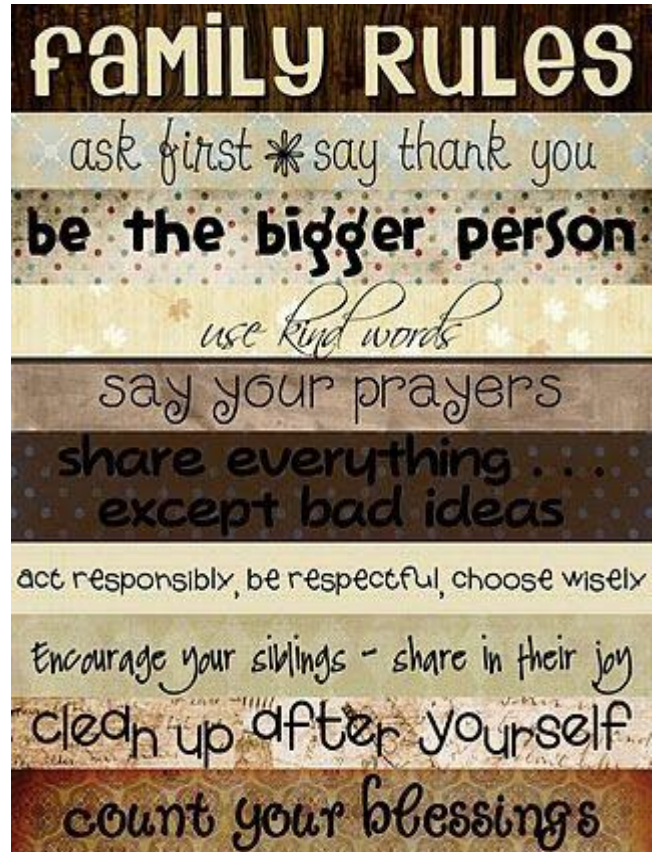
Keep your promises
ROMANS 4:21

Work hard
COLOSSIANS 3:23

Be thankful
1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

Never give up
PHILIPPIANS 4:13

but most important
Love One Another
1 PETER 1:22



God's BIG 10

- 1 Love God more than you Love anything else.
- 2 Don't make anything in your life more important than God.
- 3 Always say God's name with Love and Respect.
- 4 Honor the Lord by resting on the seventh day of the week.
- 5 Love and Respect your Mom and Dad.
- 6 Never hurt anyone.
- 7 Always be faithful to your husband or wife.
- 8 Don't take anything that isn't yours.
- 9 Always tell the truth.
- 10 Be happy with what you have. Do not wish for other people's things.



Attend
Mass

Fall 2014 SAC PREP Calendar
Parent Ed/Wednesdays
6:30-7:45pm

SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPT. 17: SAC PREP PARENT MTG. (Parish Hall)

SEPT. 24: PARENT ED 1

OCTOBER 2014

OCT. 1: PARENT ED 2

OCT. 8: PARENT ED 3

OCT. 15: PARENT ED 4
1/2 way CHECKPOINT

OCT. 22: **SAINT PRESENTATIONS** (only if necessary, due to #s)
PARENT ED 5

OCT. 29: **SAINT PRESENTATIONS**
PARENT ED 6

NOVEMBER 2014

NOV. 5: **NO CLASS** (Catechist Meeting-only)

NOV. 12: PARENT ED 7

NOV. 19: **NO PARENT ED**
****SAC PREP WB DUE****
SAC PREP KIDS Q & A ~ Exam of Conscience/during class

NOV. 26: **NO CLASS** (Happy Thanksgiving!)

DECEMBER 2014

DEC. 3: PARENT ED 8
(1st) RECONCILIATION FOR FAITH FORMATION /KIDS-only

DEC. 10: Please join us for OUR LADY of GUADALUPE community learning night.

JANUARY 2015

JAN 14: Eucharist Sac Prep begins