

# Fear, Love & Trust

## Following God's Commands

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### Take-Home Point

God commands that I love Him and others.

### Bible Words

Love is the fulfilling of the law. Romans 13:10

### Catechism Connection

[God] wrote the Law on [people's] hearts. Later He arranged the Law in Ten Commandments, wrote it on two tables of stone, and made it known through Moses. . . . Love is the summary of all the commandments. (Questions 14 & 17)

### Welcome & Worship (about 15 minutes)

**Welcome**  
Explore a castle-themed learning activity to prepare for the Bible lesson.

### Bible Story & Leaflet Review (about 20 minutes)

Learn that God commands us to love Him and others. He gave us the Law, and He gave His only Son to keep the Law perfectly in our stead.

### Bible Application (about 5 minutes)

Use story clues and Activity Pages to help students apply the Bible truths in the lesson to their lives.

### Craft (about 10 minutes)

Make a new Castle Flag each week using patterns that depict lesson truths.

### Snack (about 5 minutes)

**Mountains of Love**  
Make mountains of cheese on small round crackers.

### Closing (about 5 minutes)

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**God Gives the Law**  
Exodus 19–20

2

God commands that I put Him first.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. Matthew 22:37

1. You shall have no other gods. We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. . . . No person can keep any or all commandments perfectly, except Jesus Christ. All those who have faith in Him . . . willingly strive to keep these commandments. (Question 23)

**Beginning in God's Name**  
Gather in the name of our triune God. Sing songs and pray. Give an offering and celebrate special occasions.

Learn that God commands us to put Him first. Through Jesus, He also forgives us when we fail to do so and, in love, puts us first, providing for our physical and spiritual nurture.

Bring meaning to the symbols on the flags through class discussion and review.

**Fit for a King**  
Cut bread with heart-shaped cookie cutter. Add spreads such as cream cheese, pressurized cheese, and jelly to the bread.



**The Golden Calf**  
Exodus 32:1–20

3

God commands that I respect His name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Psalm 103:1

2. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God. We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

Learn that God commands us to respect His name. Through faith in Christ, we have forgiveness for our sins against this commandment, and we are moved to praise God's name.

**Sticks and Stones**  
Serve drinks, veggie or pretzel sticks, and fruit chips. Decorate straws with green ribbons or tape to use in the drinks.



**David and Goliath**  
1 Samuel 17:31–50

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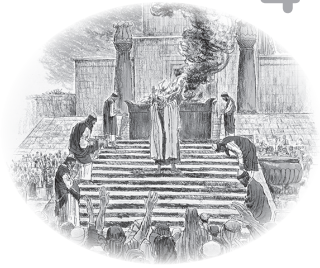
God commands that I learn His Word.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! Psalm 95:6

3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

Learn that God commands us to learn His Word. God's Word, the Bible, reveals the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, who brings us forgiveness, life, and salvation.

**"King James" Bibles**  
Make a little Bible using two graham crackers and frosting.



**Solomon Builds and Dedicates the Temple**  
1 Kings 6–8

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### Take-Home Point

God commands that I honor authorities.

### Bible Words

Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.  
Colossians 3:20

### Catechism Connection

4. Honor your father and your mother. 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.

### Welcome & Worship (about 15 minutes)

**Welcome**  
Explore a castle-themed learning activity to prepare for the Bible lesson.

### Bible Story & Leaflet Review (about 20 minutes)

Learn that God commands us to honor authorities. They are His tools to provide for our earthly care and protection.

### Bible Application (about 5 minutes)

Use story clues and Activity Pages to help students apply the Bible truths in the lesson to their lives.

### Craft (about 10 minutes)

Make a new Castle Flag each week using patterns that depict lesson truths. Bring meaning to the symbols on the flags through class discussion and review.

### Snack (about 5 minutes)

**Knights and Squires**  
Decorate people-shaped cookies in two sizes—one adult and one child. Frost them and add details with sprinkles.

### Closing (about 5 minutes)

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**Joseph Cares for Jacob**  
Genesis 46:29–30; 47:7–12

6

God commands that I respect life.

Love your neighbor as yourself.  
Matthew 22:39

5. You shall not murder. 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.

**Welcome**  
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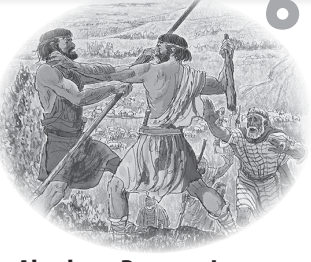
Learn that God commands us to respect life. He works to preserve us physically, and through His Word and Sacraments, He preserves our lives spiritually.

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**Helping Hands Treats**  
Fill disposable plastic gloves with popcorn. Use a twist tie to close the glove.

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**Abraham Rescues Lot**  
Genesis 14:1–16

7

God commands that I honor marriage and family.

[God said,] "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper."  
Genesis 2:18

6. You shall not commit adultery. We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

**Beginning in God's Name**  
Gather in the name of our triune God. Sing songs and pray. Give an offering and celebrate special occasions.

Learn that God commands us to honor marriage and family. He also offers the blessings of forgiveness and salvation to those who are married, and to everyone, through the marriage of Christ and His Bride, the Church.

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**Wedding Rings**  
Serve sliced apple rings or O-shaped cereal, pretzels, or the like.

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**Isaac and Rebekah**  
Genesis 24

8

God commands that I respect my neighbor's things.

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have.  
Hebrews 13:16

7. You shall not steal. We should fear and love God so that we do not take our neighbor's money or possessions, or get them in any dishonest way, but help him to improve and protect his possessions and income.

**Beginning in God's Name**  
Gather in the name of our triune God. Sing songs and pray. Give an offering and celebrate special occasions.

Learn that God commands us to respect our neighbor's things. He forgives our sins for the sake of His Son, who paid their price on the cross.

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**Hidden Treasure Mix**  
Prepare a snack mix using sweet and salty snacks such as pretzels, marshmallows, cereals, dried fruits, or nuts. Include red candies.

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**Achan's Sin**  
Joshua 7:10–26

9

God commands that I speak well of others.

[Speak] the truth in love.  
Ephesians 4:15

8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor . . . or hurt his reputation, but defend him . . . and explain everything in the kindest way.

**Welcome**  
Explore a castle-themed learning activity to prepare for the Bible lesson.

Learn that God commands us to speak well of others. As Jonathan defended David before his father, King Saul, so Jesus defends us before our heavenly Father, covering those who believe in Him with His robe of righteousness.

Use story clues and Activity Pages to help students apply the Bible truths in the lesson to their lives.

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**Kind Words Treat**  
Spread some crackers or biscuits with cream cheese then drizzle with honey.

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**David and Jonathan**  
1 Samuel 18:1–5; 19:1–7

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### Take-Home Point

God commands that I am content.

### Bible Words

Be content with what you have. Hebrews 13:5

### Catechism Connection

9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house. 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.

### Welcome & Worship (about 15 minutes)

**Welcome**  
Explore a castle-themed learning activity to prepare for the Bible lesson.

### Bible Story & Leaflet Review (about 20 minutes)

Learn that God commands us to be content with what we have. He provides all we have and what we need most: forgiveness for our discontent through the suffering and death of His only Son, Jesus.

### Bible Application (about 5 minutes)

Use story clues and Activity Pages to help students apply the Bible truths in the lesson to their lives.

### Craft (about 10 minutes)

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### Snack (about 5 minutes)

**Bountiful Blessings**  
Cut up grapes, tomatoes, cucumbers, and assorted fruits and veggies.

### Closing (about 5 minutes)

Review the Bible truth in the lesson. Sing songs and pray. Send information and completed projects home to families.



**Ahab Covets Naboth's Vineyard**

1 Kings 21:1–16

11

God commands that I am content.

I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. Philippians 4:11

10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals . . . but urge them to stay and do their duty.

### Beginning in God's Name

Gather in the name of our triune God. Sing songs and pray. Give an offering and celebrate special occasions.

Learn that God commands us to be content in all things. Through faith in Jesus, God gives us forgiveness and freedom from slavery to sin.

Learn that God commands us to fear, love, and serve Him. In the gift of His Son, Jesus, who died on the cross for us, God gives more than enough reason for us to praise and adore Him.

**Crown Jewels**  
Give the children a dish of fresh seasonal berries.

**Castle of the Holy Ten Commandments**  
Serve graham wafers, thin pretzel sticks, and tube frosting to make castles and drawbridges.



**Paul and Philemon**

Book of Philemon

12

God commands that I fear, love, and serve Him.

Do justice . . . love kindness, and . . . walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8

Close of the Commandments  
God threatens to punish all who break these commandments. Therefore we should fear His wrath and not do anything against them. But He promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments.

Learn that Jesus has kept God's commands in our place. Through God's gift of faith in Him, Jesus' righteousness is now counted as ours.

**King Jesus Treats**  
Serve goldfish crackers and marshmallows.



**The Rich Young Ruler**

Matthew 19:16–26

13

Jesus has kept God's commands in my place.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law. Galatians 3:13

The Law condemns everyone. . . . God offers the forgiveness of sins only in the Gospel, the good news that we are freed from the guilt, the punishment, and the power of sin, and are saved eternally because of Christ's keeping the Law and His suffering and death for us. (Questions 76 & 84)



**Peter's Reinstatement**

John 21:4–19