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## Confirmation Independent Study/Make-up Lesson

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### Session 2: Worship and Serve

1. Read Exodus 19:4-6:
  - a. Which biblical event is God referring to when he says, "You have seen what I did to Egypt . . ."
    - When God destroyed everything with a flood.
    - When God called Abram to go to the land he would show him.
    - When Joseph interpreted Pharaoh's dream about seven years of drought with no crops.
    - When God sent ten plagues and brought his people Israel through the Red Sea on dry ground, destroying Pharaoh's chariot army.
    - When Joshua led the armies of Israel and the walls of Jericho collapsed.
  - b. Which of these passages means the same thing as the metaphor "I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself?" (choose any and all that apply)
    - Jesus said, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am (John 15:16)."
    - "God rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves (Colossians 1:13)."
    - "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up (James 4:11)."
    - "Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2: 13)."
  - c. Define *covenant*: \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - d. List three things the people of Israel would become if they were to fully keep God's covenant with them:
    - [1] \_\_\_\_\_
    - [2] \_\_\_\_\_
    - [3] \_\_\_\_\_

e. Which definition of *priest* is correct in this context of Exodus 19:

- An ordained minister of the Catholic, Orthodox, or Anglican Church
- A person chosen to serve as a 'go-between,' or representative between a god, or God, and the community

2. Read Exodus 20:1-6 and summarize it in your own words: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Some Christians divide Exodus 20:1-6 into two separate commandments, and others (including our church) consider it one commandment. This is why the ten commandments may be numbered differently by different churches.

When you summarized the above passage, did you think of it as two, or one? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you think that it makes much difference how the commandments are numbered? \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. This is how Martin Luther summarized the first commandment 500 years ago for confirmation students to memorize: **“You shall have no other gods.”** And this is the meaning of the first commandment given in the *Small Catechism*: **“We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.”** On most days, how would you answer the question: “Have well have I loved and served God above all things, and refused to worship anything else?”

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5. Read Hebrews 11:25:

Why fear God? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Read Luke 11:47:

Why love God? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Read Psalm 37:3-5:

Why trust God? \_\_\_\_\_

8. Why do you think God would describe himself as “a jealous God?” What does that say about his feelings towards those he has chosen? \_\_\_\_\_

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9. How does it make you feel to know that God is jealous for you? \_\_\_\_\_

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10. In Ephesians 5:5 it says that “the greedy person is an idolater (idol worshipper).” A person may not make figurines as idols and offer sacrifices to them, but that doesn’t necessarily mean they don’t serve false gods. A person can make a false god out of anything, if they put it above everything else. Choose three of the items below and explain [1] how it can be a false god; *and*, [2] how it can be a gift from the true God that we can use to serve him:

- |            |            |              |        |             |                  |
|------------|------------|--------------|--------|-------------|------------------|
| Popularity | Money      | Fashion      | Music  | Video Games | Self             |
| Romance    | Friendship | Intelligence | Sports | Dance       | ( <i>other</i> ) |

Item #1

How it can be a false god

How it can be a gift from God used to serve Him

Item #2

How it can be a false god

How it can be a gift from God used to serve Him

Item #3

How it can be a false god

How it can be a gift from God used to serve Him

11. What do you like about Sunday worship? What do you not like? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. Define *worship*: \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How much concentration and effort do you usually give to worship? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. Write a sentence or two of praise and worship to God: \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Suppose you won a t-shirt as a prize, and it had the saying, "All Gods are One God." Would promoting this idea help you keep, or break, the first commandment? \_\_\_\_\_



16. Why do you think it might be hard for some people to believe that the God revealed in the Bible is the *only* true God? \_\_\_\_\_

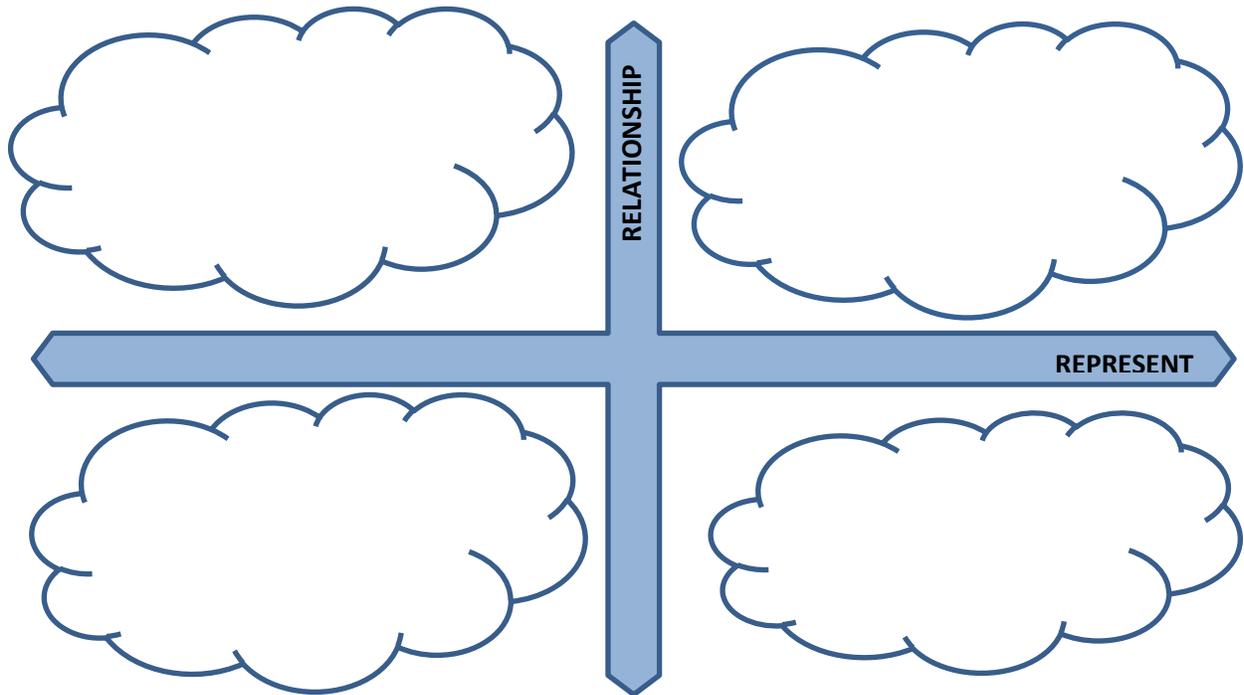
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17. How should we treat a person who is having trouble believing that Jesus Christ is the *only* way to really know God; or who doubts that God is real? \_\_\_\_\_

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18. On the next page there is a matrix, or "cross diagram," that shows how one's relationship with God fits together with how they represent God on earth. When the Lord said to the Israelites, "If you keep my covenant . . . I will make you a kingdom of priests," which idea goes with relationship and which with representation? (check 2)

- Remembering the covenant goes with having a close relationship with God
- Remembering the covenant goes with representing God to the world
- Being a kingdom of priests goes with representing God to the world
- Being a kingdom of priests goes with having a close relationship with God.



19. Based on the descriptions of the persons given below, place the following names in the clouds above based on how strong their *relationship* with God is, and how well they *represent* God to the world:

- Colleen—She does not belong to a church, but she volunteers at the animal shelter and advocates for the rights of people to be themselves because she wants to make the world a better place.
- Carey—He sings in the youth band because he loves to worship God and he does kind things for people not just because that's the way he was brought up, but also because he wants a chance to tell them Jesus loves them and died to give them eternal life.
- Stan—He says there is no God, wears T-shirts with dark sayings on them and hangs out with people who vandalize property and bully others.
- Cynthia—She goes to church and prays but always tries to blend in with other girls on the dance squad who don't go to church so that they will accept her.