

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS
Lesson 14 - God'S Children Serve through OBEDIENCE

I. Opening -

SPEAK TOGETHER OUR MEMORY VERSE - Matthew 22:37-39 ³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

SPEAK TOGETHER OUR MEMORY - THE TEN COMMANDMENTS (This week - ONLY commandments 1-3)

1. You shall have no other gods.
2. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
3. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

(THESE COMMANDMENTS FOR NEXT WEEK)

4. Honor you father and your mother.
5. You shall not murder
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's house
10. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or madservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

We will be using skits to understand what God does and does not want us to do according to the 10 commandments.

THE FIRST COMMANDMENT-You shall have no other gods before me.

1 Corinthians 10:31-So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

Matthew 22:37-38 ³⁷ Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment.

**How do we keep the first commandment? How do we break it?
Have you ever broken this commandment? Explain.**

SKIT -Commandment 1

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam, I didn't see you in worship the last couple of weeks.

SAM: That church stuff might be for you, but not me.

JANE: What do you mean?

SAM: Well, I'm not sure there is a god. If there is, there's got to be lots of ways to heaven. Look at the Muslims, the Hindus, the Jews.

**Did Sam break or keep this commandment? Explain.
What would be a way that Sam could behave as a Child of God - a mature Christian?**

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT-You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

Matthew 5:33-7-Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but keep the oaths you have made to the Lord.' But I tell you, Do not swear at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. Simply let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' be 'No;' anything beyond this comes from the evil one



**Have you ever broken this commandment?
How do we keep it or break it?**

SKIT -Commandment 2

SAM: Hi, Jane.
JANE: Hi Sam, Did you study for that test?
SAM: God, yes. What a horrible test this will be.
JANE: What do you mean?
SAM: Well, I'm not #*% genius. I'm afraid I'm going to fail.

**Did Sam break or keep this commandment? Explain
What would be a way that Sam could behave as a Child of God - a mature Christian?**

THE THIRD COMMANDMENT-Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

Hebrews 10:23-25-Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. **LET US NOT GIVE UP MEETING TOGETHER, AS SOME ARE IN THE HABIT OF DOING,** but let us encourage one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Acts 20:7 On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight. (NIV)

Romans 14:5-8-One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. . . For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.

Mark 2:23-28-One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "**THE SABBATH WAS MADE FOR MAN, NOT MAN FOR THE SABBATH.** So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

**Have you ever broken this commandment?
How do we keep it or break it?**

SKIT -Commandment 3

SAM: Hi, Jane.
JANE: Hi Sam, I didn't see you in worship the last couple of weeks.
SAM: That church stuff might be for you, but not me. Besides, I don't have to be in worship to believe in God. I can worship by the river when I'm fishing.

JANE: Well, Sam, do you worship by the river?

SAM: I said I can. I didn't say I do it.

Did Sam break or keep this commandment? Explain

What would be a way that Sam could behave as a Child of God - a mature Christian?

FINAL SKIT

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam. Aren't you going out with the guys to go drinking?

SAM: No, my mom has told me not to. Pastor says it's wrong. I might get in trouble, and what would I gain.

JANE: You might have some laughs.

SAM: Laughs maybe. But does it make you happy to be in trouble, or have substance problems?

JANE: I guess not. What does make us happy?

SAM: How about being satisfied with myself. I know I make mistakes, but if God loves me, and I serve Him, I have peace. I know that satisfies me!

Does keeping the commandments help us or hurt us? Explain.

VI. Closing

1. Attendance / Sermon Notes

2. Memory

THE COMMANDMENTS

11. You shall have no other gods.
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