

8th GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS
Lesson 15 - 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 (LAST 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.

(THIS WEEK)

4. Honor your 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 maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

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

SKIT -Commandment 4

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam. Did you see what that dumb teacher did?

SAM: What are you talking about, Jane.

JANE: She made me spit out my gum, told me to stop talking, and made me bring a letter home for sassing her.

SAM: Aren't you supposed to obey your teachers?

JANE: No teacher is going to tell me what to do.

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT-"Honor your father and your mother."

Ephesians 6:1-4-Children obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise-" that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children: instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Romans 13:1-7-Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. **The authorities that exist have been established by God.** Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then **do what is right and he will commend you.** For he is God's servant to do you good. **But if you do wrong,** be afraid, for **he does not bear the sword for nothing.** He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. Therefore, **it is necessary to submit to the authorities,** not only because of possible punishment but also **because of conscience.** This is also why you pay taxes for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

1 Timothy 2:1-2 ¹I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone -- ²for kings and all those in authority, **that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.**

Acts 5:27-29-Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." Peter and the other apostles replied: "**We must obey God rather than men.**"

Matthew 22:21- ". . . Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

**Did Sam break or keep this commandment? How about Jane? Explain
Have you ever broken this commandment? How do we keep it or break it?**

SKIT -Commandment 5

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam. Did you see what Michelle did to me?

SAM: What are you talking about?

JANE: She told the teacher it was me who put chewed gum on the seat of the teacher's chair.

SAM: I saw, but the teacher was going to send Michelle to the office.

JANE: I don't care. I'm going to wait for her after school and beat her up. Some of my friends are going to help.

THE FIFTH COMMANDMENT-"You shall not murder

Matthew 5:21-22, 43-47-You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment. But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. . .

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father

is perfect.

Did Sam break or keep this commandment? How about Jane? Explain

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

SKIT -Commandment 6

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam, what are you reading?

SAM: This Newsweek magazine says, 'Girls gone wild.' Maybe there are some nude pictures.

THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT-"You shall not commit adultery."

Matthew 5:27-8-You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 19:3-9-Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?" "Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate." "Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?" Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

Ephesians 5:21-33-Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ. Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church his body, of which he is the Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-for we are members of his body. "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." This is a profound mystery-but I am talking about Christ and the church. However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

Did Sam break or keep this commandment? Explain

Have you ever broken this commandment?

How do we keep it or break it?

SKIT -Commandment 7

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam. Look what I've got.

SAM: Neat, a new IPOD. Did your parents buy it?

JANE: No, a couple of us were at Best Buy, and I took it off the shelf when no one was looking.

SAM: You didn't get caught.

JANE: I've got my ways!

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT-"You shall not steal"

Ephesians 4:28-He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

Luke 21:1-4-As he looked up, Jesus saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. "I tell you the truth," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

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SKIT -Commandment 8

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam, Did you hear about Judy?

SAM: What about her?

JANE: I hear she and Harry were in the corner making out.

SAM: I thought she told me she wasn't seeing him, because he caused trouble.

JANE: I don't know this for sure. Michelle told me. It doesn't make sense . . . but, I'm telling everyone I know. It's *JUICY* gossip.

THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT-"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

James 3:8-10-But no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men who have been made in God's likeness. **Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be.**

Matthew 18:15-If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, **JUST BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU**. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over.

Did Sam break or keep this commandment? How about Jane?

Explain

Have you ever broken this commandment?

How do we keep it or break it?

SKIT -Commandments 9 and 10

SAM: Hi, Jane.

JANE: Hi Sam, have you got new clothes on?

SAM: Yup, my mom bought them for me. My old ones were getting ragged.

JANE: I **NEED** to get some more. I can't wear these more than once or twice

SAM: Didn't your mom just buy you some new clothes?

JANE: I need more. I want more. I'm going to get more.

THE NINTH AND TENTH COMMANDMENTS-"You shall not covet."

Matthew 6:33-But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Did Sam break or keep this commandment? Explain

Have you ever broken this commandment?

How do we keep it or break it?

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 10 COMMANDMENTS

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