

The Fourth and Fifth Commandments

Lesson 5 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read 1 Samuel 24:1-7

Lesson Goal

The goal of this class is to learn about the respect God wants us to show to those in authority and the love we are to show others.

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Additional questions

13. How did Jesus summarize the whole law?
14. Besides our parents, who are some of the authorities included in the Fourth Commandment?
15. What is God protecting in the Fifth Commandment?
16. How do we act under evil and corrupt authorities?
17. Is it wrong for governments to practice Capital Punishment?

18. The Fourth Commandment adds a promise. It says, "Honor your father and your mother so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." What does the added promise tell us about the commandment?
19. What do we learn about sin from these passages? Matthew 5:21-22, "'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, 'Raca,' is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell.'" And Proverbs 30:17, "The eye that mocks a father and scorns to obey a mother will be picked out by the ravens of the valley and eaten by the vultures."

Lesson wrap-up

Are there times when we may need to rebel against authority? How can we love God and our neighbors and act in respectful submission to those in authority over us?