

The First and Second Commandments

Lesson 3 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Exodus 32:1-35

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What are the First and Second Commandments and what do they mean to us today?**

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?

Discussion (Questions on final exam marked by *)

13. How many Gods are there? (See Deuteronomy 6:4; Isaiah 43:10-11; 1 Corinthians 8:4; Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 28:18-20)
14. God says, "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below" (Exodus 20:4). Suppose your friend uses this verse to say that we should not have crosses in our houses or in our churches. How do you respond?*

15. How did the Israelites misuse God's name by attributing their deliverance to the golden calf (Exodus 32:4)?
16. How is God's name misused in worship in our day?

Lesson wrap-up

What are the First and Second Commandments and what do they mean to us today?