



Think First & Stay Safe!

You shall love the Lord your God, and love your neighbor as yourself

The Concept of Law

Lesson #3

The 'law of love' is the focus of this lesson. God gave Moses the 10 Commandments which name specific things we are to do or not do. When Jesus was asked which of the many Jewish laws of his time was the most important, he answered with the admonition to love. IF we love as we are called to do, we will live God's laws.

Children of various ages will have interesting perspective on this notion; just as adults do. How does our humanity keep us from living the ideal love? How can you, the catechist, help the children to expand their understanding of what it means to love one another?



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Prayer	Loving and gracious God, Help us to remember to always think first and stay safe. <i>Place your law within us, Lord.</i> This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.
Scripture	Exodus 20: 1-17 <i>10 commandments</i> Ps 1:2 <i>Rather, the law of the Lord is their joy; God's law they study day and night.</i> Ps 19:8-12 <i>The law of the Lord is perfect...</i> Mt 5: 1-12 <i>Beatitudes</i> & 17-20 <i>Teaching about Law;</i> 20: 34-40 <i>Greatest Commandment</i> John 13: 33-35 <i>New commandment</i>
Saint or Hero	Moses Solomon <i>1Kings 3: 7-10 Asks God for understanding, wisdom to govern God's people</i>

Additional Catechist Resources:

Symbol	Golden Rule
Music	<i>Deep Within</i> (David Haas, GIA Publications, 1987)
Liturgy or Rites	
Prayers	
Church Teachings	Social Doctrine of the Church 54: <i>Jesus Christ...teaches...that the fundamental law of human perfection, and ...of the transformation of the world is the new law of love.</i> <i>This law is called to become the ultimate measure and rule of every dynamic related to human relations.</i> Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church USCCB CCC 1721: <i>God put us in the world to know, to love and to serve him and so to come to paradise.</i>