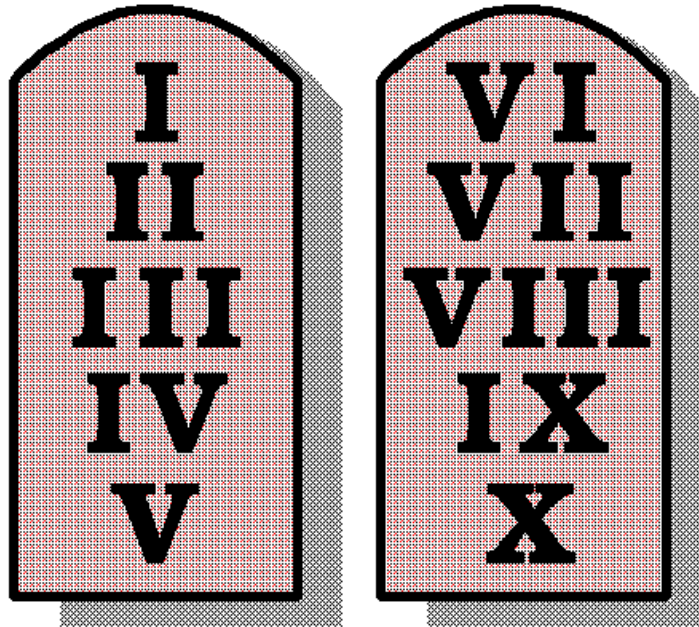


# LUTHER'S SMALL CATECHISM

## Class Discussion Guide

Love God

Love Our Neighbor



**Lesson:**

*“Introduction To The Ten Commandments”*

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***The Ten Commandments:  
An Introduction***

**I Introduction “Ten Commandments”**

The Ten Commandments are God’s way for us to live. How did God come up with them? We can understand them by “playing God” and making “commandments” for others in our lives.

A. Below, list five things your friends should do (or not do) to treat you with respect.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

B. Next, list five things your friends would want you to do (or not do) to treat them with respect.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

C. List five things your parents want you to do (or not do) to show you love them.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

D. List five things you want your parents to do (or not do) to show they love you.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

E. On the basis of the above, write your own personal “Ten Commandments” below.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

F. In what ways are your “Ten Commandments”....

1. Similar to God’s “Ten Commandments”?
2. Different to God’s “Ten Commandments”?

## II About The Ten Commandments

A. Found in \_\_\_\_\_ 20 (dousxe).

1. How many commandments are there? \_\_\_\_\_

2. How many commands are there? \_\_\_\_\_

B. Two different enumerations

Commandment	Lutheran/Catholic	Other Protestants
1 <sup>st</sup>	You shall have no other gods.	You shall have no other gods.
2 <sup>nd</sup>	You shall not misuse name of Lord.	You shall make no graven images.
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Remember Sabbath Day.	You shall not misuse name of Lord.
4 <sup>th</sup>	Honor your father and mother.	Remember Sabbath Day.
5 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not murder.	Honor your father and mother.
6 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not commit adultery.	You shall not murder.
7 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not steal.	You shall not commit adultery.
8 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not give false testimony.	You shall not steal.
9 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not covet your neighbor's house.	You shall not give false testimony.
10 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not covet your neighbor's wife...	You shall not covet.

C. Other names for the Ten Commandments

1. Ten \_\_\_\_\_ (ordsw)

2. Deca- \_\_\_\_\_ (oguel)

3. God's \_\_\_\_\_ (wla)

D. They were given to \_\_\_\_\_ (essom) on Mount Sinai (Exodus 19:9 ff.)

E. God gave the Ten Commandments because He \_\_\_\_\_ us (olves).

1. Exodus 19:1ff.: God \_\_\_\_\_ His people (cohes)

2. Exodus 20:1ff: God's people \_\_\_\_\_ (despondr) to

His love.

F. God gave the Ten Commandments to show us how to \_\_\_\_\_ (evil)

### III The Division Of The Commandments

- A. The Commandments are divided into \_\_\_\_\_ (wot) parts.
1. Part One (Commandments 1-3): Deal with \_\_\_\_\_ (dog)
  2. Part One (Commandments 4-10): Deal with \_\_\_\_\_ (sother)
- B. The Ten Commandments can be summarized by the word “\_\_\_\_\_” (olve)

An expert in the law, tested [Jesus] with this question: "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

Jesus replied: “‘*Love* the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘*Love* your neighbor as yourself.’”

Matthew 22:35-39 (NIV)

#### B. Obeying the Ten Commandments

	Commandment	How God Wants Us To Obey
<b>How We Love <i>God</i>—Commandments 1-3</b>		
1 <sup>st</sup>	You shall have no other gods.	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	You shall not misuse name of Lord.	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Remember Sabbath Day.	
<b>How We Love <i>Others</i>—Commandments 4-10</b>		
4 <sup>th</sup>	Honor your father and mother.	
5 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not murder.	
6 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not commit adultery.	
7 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not steal.	
8 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not give false testimony.	
9 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not covet your neighbor’s house.	
10 <sup>th</sup>	You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife...	

**For Reflection:**

1. Since the Ten Commandments are God’s gift of love, how should we regard the Ten Commandments?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Can we have a healthy, growing and loving relationship with God if we don’t keep the Ten Commandments? Why or why not?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Which of the commandments do you think is most important? Why?

***Study Guide: “The Ten Commandments”***

**Part I: True Or False.** *The Ten Commandments (pp 6-7).* Place a “T” (*True*) or “F” (*False*) before each question below.

- \_\_\_ 1. God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses because Moses asked for them.
- \_\_\_ 2. The Ten Commandments were originally written on two tables of paper.
- \_\_\_ 3. According to Luther, the Ten Commandments should be taught by the Pastor.
- \_\_\_ 4. The Ten Commandments were God’s reward for Moses’ faithfulness.’
- \_\_\_ 5. The people of Israel wanted the Ten Commandments.
- \_\_\_ 6. The Ten Commandments were part of God’s covenant between Him and the Israelites.
- \_\_\_ 7. The people of the Old Testament went to heaven because they kept the Ten Commandments perfectly.

**Part II: Multiple Choice.** Write the letter of the correct answer before each question below.

- \_\_\_ 8. When God appeared on Mt. Sinai, he appeared in the form of...  
a. Jesus  
b. fire, thunder and smoke  
c. As a great flood  
d. An angel
- \_\_\_ 9. The Ten Commandments are an example of...  
a. Civil Law  
b. Moral Law  
c. Ceremonial Law  
d. None of the above
- \_\_\_ 10. The Ten Commandments were given to...  
a. Moses on Mt. Sinai  
b. Aaron, Moses' brother  
c. Joshua and Aaron  
d. None of the above
- \_\_\_ 11. When God gave the Ten Commandments, the Israelites  
a. Were still slaves in Egypt  
b. Were living in Jerusalem  
c. Were in the wilderness near Mt. Sinai  
d. Were at the shore of the Red Sea
- \_\_\_ 12. The one word or phrase which Jesus said best summarizes the Ten Commandments is...  
a. Listen  
b. Don't  
c. Obey  
d. None of the above
- \_\_\_ 13. We can get forgiveness for breaking the Ten Commandments by...  
a. keeping the rest of them perfectly  
b. by asking Jesus to help us do them better  
c. only by Jesus' forgiveness  
d. we can't get forgiveness for them.
- \_\_\_ 14. Which of the following is NOT another name for the Ten Commandments?  
a. the Law  
b. the Decalogue  
c. the Golden Rule  
d. the Ten Words
- \_\_\_ 15. The reason God chose Israel to be His people is because they were...  
a. the most powerful nation on earth  
b. the weakest nation on earth  
c. most likely to obey God  
d. A and C.

**Part III: Matching.** Match the items on the right by placing the letter of the matching item before the item on the right.

___ 1. He loves us	a. Where Moses received the Ten Commandments
___ 2. Mt. Sinai	b. What the first three commandments discuss
___ 3. God	c. Why God gave us the Ten Commandments
___ 4. Others	d. What the last seven commandments discuss
___ 5. I love God	e. The reason why Christians keep the Commandments