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Unit 1 – Session 2 – God Calls Us to Love Him above All Else

Parents,

This session is about the 2 Great Commandments and the 10 Commandments. The important thing is to know that these are giving to us out of love to protect us. I often use the analogy that a school may have a fence around the playground. A child knows they can play all the way to the fence. If there isn't a fence, a child tends not to use all the space. This is actually a fact. A study was done and children on a school playground without a fence tended to stay closer together and not use the whole playground. The same is true with the commandments. They are to be our guide and are designed out of love. The first three are about Love of God and the rest are about Love of Neighbor. Here is some vocabulary that may help you. This is not for your child but to help you as you explain this session to them.

- Commandment- A rule or law that God gave to His people to learn to love Him and to love each other.
- Disciple-Student or Follower- The disciples were followers, or students, of Jesus. Jesus had thousands of disciples. All Christians are His disciples today.
- Ten Commandments – Ten rules or laws God gave His people through Moses to teach them how to love God and how to love each other.

The students should learn

- Jesus teaches us the two Great Commandments: to love God and to love our neighbor.
- The Great Commandments are a summary of the Ten Commandments and the whole Law of God.

Parent Video

- Here is a video for parents about the Commandments <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pFemAFXCQ9Q>

Kids Resources

- 10 Commandment Cards - https://sophiainstituteforteachers.org/uploads/blog/Ten_Commandments_Cards.pdf
- The 10 Commandments for Kids video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2ShZvimOMd0>
- 10 Commandments list with items that offend them for children http://www.johnpaul2center.org/JohnPaulIICenter/LayFormation/AdultFormation/SeasonofMercyFaithFormationRes/10Commandments_Child_EC.pdf

Here is what you need to do this week.

- Explain to your child that in the Old Testament God gave Moses Ten Commandments to give to His people. A commandment is a rule or law that God gave to His people to learn to love Him and to love each other.
- Explain to your child that Jesus gave us one of His most well known teachings when he was challenged by a Pharisee. The Pharisees were religious leaders in Jesus' time, and many of them were enemies of Jesus. This Pharisee hoped to catch Jesus saying something that was against the Law of Moses. Then he could have had Jesus arrested for blasphemy. Blasphemy was a religious crime that involved insulting God or the things of God, or saying or teaching things that went against God's Law. In response to the Pharisee, Jesus gave us two special commandments.
 - Read the story on page 11.
- Complete the lesson activities online with your child
- Review the 10 commandment list (link is in Kids Resources)
- Begin talking about what is an accident and what might be on purpose.
 - This is an important concept that the kids need to learn so that they understand later what might need to be confessed.

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- Continue to practice the Act of Contrition.
 - My God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you. I detest all of my sins, because of your just punishments, but most of all because they offend you, My God, who are good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life. Amen.