

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

ACTIVITY

HONOR THEM

Theme: In this commandment, God calls on us to honor our parents, regardless of their age or ours. Guided by the Holy Spirit, we need to monitor our attitudes and actions to ensure that as we live our Christian lives we honor, serve, love, and cherish our parents.

Materials: Collection of cartoons that depict families (from a newspaper or online sources)

Procedure: (10 minutes)

Ask your students to join you in collecting cartoons that depict all kinds of family life.

Divide the class into small groups and provide each group with several cartoons. Ask the groups to classify the cartoons according to whether the family members in the cartoon despise one another or love one another. Then ask the groups to classify the cartoons according to whether or not the family members honor and respect one another. Ask if the groupings change at all.

Together list some characteristics of each type of family. Discuss these characteristics as they relate to this commandment. Then ask your students to write a prayer for their own family. Perhaps these prayers can be used to close your sessions in the coming weeks. Be sensitive to personal and privacy issues when you pray these prayers publicly.