

CONNECTION JOURNAL

LESSON 11: THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT

Gather with your household each day for a time to be formed by God's Word. God's Word connects your faith to your life. Here are some simple steps for how to properly receive God's gifts together in the Word. Pick a time to do this each day.

1. Run through the memory work for this week once or twice (if you have some).
2. Make the sign of the cross and remember how God has called you to be His own through your Baptism. Say a prayer for the Holy Spirit to form your faith.
3. Consider saying the Lord's Prayer or using an order of daily devotion from the hymnal.
4. Find the Bible verse for the day in your Bible. Highlight the verse and read it out loud at least twice.
5. Consider the question, and talk through together how God's Word helps you answer the question.
6. Say a prayer, including telling God what you've learned from His Word, but also thanking Him for what you've been given, confessing your sins, and praying for specific needs. Then, go your way in peace.

Day 1—Proverbs 23:22 Why do you think it's so important that we honor our parents throughout our lives?

Day 2—Ephesians 6:1–3 Think about all the hurt in the world that comes when families don't follow God's plan. What are the benefits that come to us when children honor and obey their parents?

Day 3—Proverbs 15:20 Why do you think so many people complain about having to obey the rules? How is this foolish, and how is honoring authorities showing wisdom?

Day 4—Romans 13:1 What happens when people in a city or country stop obeying the rules of the land?

Day 5—Acts 5:29 Think of times when you may have to disobey the law if parents or other authorities tell you to disobey God.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing this, you confirm that your household did participate in memory work and family prayers to help form your confirmand in God's Word. If you were unable to do so for whatever reason, please let your leader know.