Connection Journal

Lesson 14: The Seventh 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—Psalm 104:14–15 How does realizing that everything we have really is a gift of God change the way we approach our possessions?

Day 2—Ephesians 4:28 How is laziness or doing sloppy work breaking the Seventh Commandment? When do you get laziest in your life, and what can you do to change that bad habit?

Day 3—2 Thessalonians 3:10–12 Even though it's important to have a passion for your work, why is it also important that the work you do also serves others?

Day 4—1 Timothy 5:8 How does learning to look after, care for, and provide for others in the world begin with what happens at home?

Day 5—Hebrews 13:16 Think through all the different ways that sacrificing your own earthly things for other people helps serve your neighbor.

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.