Chapter 7- Activity

Commandment Search

Materials: Ten Commandments on individual slips of paper mixed in with non-commandments (see below), paper “tablets”, glue/tape

\*\*This Commandment sort can be done as a whole group, or within groups. Adjust number of materials as needed.

1. Have students work together to sort out the Ten Commandments from the others.
2. Call on students to share/read aloud the commandments they found.
3. *Optional*: once all students have identified the correct commandments, challenge them to put commandments in order.
4. As whole group or smaller groups, place commandments on paper tablets (in order), with the first three on the left and the last seven on the right.
5. As each commandment is placed, discuss what it means. Ask students for examples of how to keep and break each commandment. *Optional: use chart on Activity book p. 26 for students to write (or draw) answers.*

Possible examples:

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| Commandment | Keep | Break |
| 1 | Pray every day | Worship Nile River  Devote self to money |
| 2 | Make the sign of the cross | Saying God’s name out of anger |
| 3 | Go to Mass on Sundays | Work when you don’t have to on Sundays |
| 4 | Do what your parents ask right away without complaining | Purposely disobey the teacher’s directions |
| 5 | Take care of your younger brother or sister | Abortion  Hitting someone who made you mad |
| 6 | Be chaste in thoughts and actions | Watch an R rated movie without your parents |
| 7 | Donate food to the food pantry | Download movies from the internet without paying |
| 8 | Admit to your parents when you accidentally break the iPad | Tell a secret about your classmate that makes others not want to be their friend |
| 9 | Be pure in your thoughts | Wishing to be married to someone else’s husband or wife |
| 10 | Wait your turn to use the computer | Being jealous of your friend’s new phone |

1. Ask students if they notice any patterns or similarities among the commandments. Explain why commandments are separated into 3 and 7. The first three help us to love God and the other 7 help us to love our neighbor.

I am the Lord your God: you shall not have strange Gods before me.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

Remember to keep holy the Lord’s day.

Honor you father and mother.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife.

You shall not covet your neighbor’s goods.

You shall always eat spaghetti on Tuesdays.

You shall not run with scissors.

Remember to play Minecraft every day.

You shall not harm your neighbor’s dog.

Honor your computer and ipad.

I am the Lord your God: you shall have other gods too.

You shall give all of your food and extra clothes to the poor.

Remember to keep holy the third Wednesday of every month.

You shall not eat meat on Fridays.

You shall have fun at CCD every day.