

**CCD GRADE 3: OUR LIFE WITH JESUS**

Chapter 7: God’s Laws of Love

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 75-85

Materials: Student textbook, activity book (optional), Ten Commandments written on slips of paper (mixed with non-commandments), bibles

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

*God gave us the Ten Commandments to help us love Him and others. Jesus summarized the Ten Commandments in the great commandment of Love.*

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* God gave us the commandments because He loves us.
* If we obey them, they will nourish our souls and help us to live in right relation with God and others.
* The first three commandments help us to love God.
* The next seven commandments help us to love our neighbor.
* Jesus summarizes the Ten Commandments with the great Commandment of Love.
* The first and greatest commandment: Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.
* The second greatest commandment: love our neighbor as yourself.
* If we follow God’s commandments, God promises us eternal joy with Him in Heaven.

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Students give examples of how to keep and break each commandment.
* Activity: Commandment Search, Act out scenarios
* Video: <https://safeshare.tv/x/aX28nAB4S7A> This video explains the Israelites’ journey across the Red Sea and in the desert, where God cared for them and gave them the Ten Commandments.

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Closing prayer: Our Father