

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

Chapter 9: Loving God Most of All

 PREPARATION – How to Get Ready

Teacher’s Manual: pp. 101-111

Materials: Student textbooks, newspapers, magazines, scissors

 PROCLAMATION – Main Theme

The first and second commandments help us love God above anything else, and use His holy name with love and respect.

 EXPLANATION – Content of Lesson

* The first commandment tells us not to put anyone or anything above God.
* We are created to know, love, and serve God in this world and to be happy with Him forever in the next.
* Some examples of false gods or things people are tempted to put above God are money, clothes, toys, friends, and pleasure.
* Superstition is believing that created things have powers that truly possess.
* The second commandment tells us to speak about God in a reverent way.
* Names are important. Saying God’s name gets His attention and speaks of His presence.
* Saying God or Jesus’ name when we are surprised or angry are ways of breaking the Second Commandment.
* The way we address someone tells about the relationship. Jesus taught us to call God “father” or “daddy.”

 APPLICATION – Connecting it to Students

* Opening discussion question: “Why do we love God?”
* In false god activity, have students identify examples and explain how their example is meant to be used for good.
* Activity: Magazine/newspaper hunt for false gods
* Video: (and how it applies)

 CELEBRATION - Conclusion

* Closing prayer: Pray in the way Jesus taught us, by calling God, “Our Father…”