

# LOGOS

## Kids Club



**Leader's Guide**  
**Grades 3-4**  
**Year 2**

2005-2006

Logos Kids Club

Calendar

8/8	<b>Chief Guide Meeting</b> (Monthly planning, vision, and prayer)	1/5	Unit 5, Lesson 12
8/15	<b>Logos Kids Guide Orientation</b>	1/12	Unit 5, Lesson 13
8/16f	<b>Call all Potential Clubbers</b>	1/19	Unit 5, Lesson 14
		1/26	Review Unit 5
8/25	<b>1st Club Night – Registration</b>	2/2	Unit 6, Lesson 15
9/1	Unit 1, Lesson 1	2/6	Chief Guide Meeting
9/8	Unit 1, Lesson 2	2/9	Unit 6, Lesson 16
9/15	Unit 1, Lesson 3	2/16	Unit 6, Lesson 17
9/22	Review Unit 1	2/20	Bible Memory Program Begins
9/29	Unit 2, Lesson 4	2/23	Review Unit 6 (Camp Nite)
10/6	Unit 2, Lesson 5	3/2	Unit 7, Lesson 18
10/13	Unit 2, Lesson 6	3/9	Unit 7, Lesson 19
10/17	Chief Guide Meeting	3/16	No Club, Easter Break
10/20	Review Unit 2	3/20	Chief Guide Meeting
10/27	Outreach Nite (Friend Nite...Harvest Fair)	3/23	Unit 7, Lesson 20
		3/30	Review Unit 7
11/3	Unit 3, Lesson 7	4/6	Unit 8, Lesson 21
11/10	Unit 3, Lesson 8	4/13	Unit 8, Lesson 22
11/17	Unit 3, Lesson 9, Review Unit 3		Review Unit 8
11/24	No Club – Thanksgiving break	4/20	Unit 9, Lesson 23
12/1	Adopt-A-Family Outreach begins		Kindergarteners visit
12/1	Unit 4, Lesson 10	4/22-24	Retreat
12/5	Chief Guide Meeting	4/27	Unit 9, Lesson 24, Review Unit 9
12/8	Unit 4, Lesson 11, Review Unit 4	4/30	Bible Memory Program Ends
12/15	Christmas Party	5/4	Final Ice Cream Social & Awards Ceremony
12/22	No Club – Christmas Break	5/15	Chief Guide Meeting
12/29	No Club - Christmas Break		



## LOGOS Kids Club

# Leader's Guide Introduction

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### I. History of the Ministry

In the early 1990's a group of children's leaders at Camelback Bible Church begin asking the question, "What should we be teaching our children?" Dissatisfied with published curriculum that was often shallow, trendy, and moralistic, a prayerful search began. In time God directed these leaders to realize that this was probably not the first time in history that such a question had been asked. Throughout the history of the church God's people have wondered what the core of the instructional program should be.

To answer that question the church, over the years, has developed and then utilized catechisms to define core truths and then teach its people. The catechism lays out foundational truths in a question and answer format which every believer needs to understand and embrace. Church leaders hoped that such systematic teaching would curb the general ignorance among the people of God concerning their faith.

Taking this example from church history, the children's leaders at Camelback decided to put together a catechism based on the Heidelberg Catechism developed in the 1500's. This catechism was chosen for its interwoven theme of comfort, its beauty of expression, and for its solid theological perspective. Since the catechism was not written at a child's level the questions and answers were simplified and then developed into a sequence that sought to remain true to the original. Along the way, a few additional questions were added that were thought helpful. Most notably is a series of questions on the Beatitudes found in the Grades 5-6 level. From this process the LOGOS Kids Club was born!

### II. Name and Theme Verse of the Ministry

The name of the ministry which bases its teaching on the above catechism is the **LOGOS Kids Club**. The word "LOGOS" is an acronym for "Love Of God Our Savior". This name was derived from the club theme verse taken from Mark 12:30-31.

**Mark 12:30-31** *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

In these verses Jesus suggested that when all is said and done, the Christian faith is focused on loving God with your all, and loving your neighbor as yourself. It is the stated desire or purpose of the LOGOS Kids Club to encourage every child to fulfill this "Great Commandment" by God's grace.

### III. Purpose of the Ministry

LOGOS exists to encourage children (both CBC and non-CBC) to develop a supreme love for God, which ushers out into a devoted love for others. Through an informal environment that utilizes systematic teaching, Bible memory, and small groups, it is hoped that children will grow in their knowledge and application of God's Word.

- *Children (both CBC and non-CBC)* – Our hearts desire is to see not only our own children rooted in the faith, but also see the gospel penetrate beyond the church family. Every ministry needs a sense of mission beyond itself to be what God has called it to be.
- *Supreme love for God* – At the core of Biblical Christianity is a call to love God with our all (Matthew 22:37-38). Because of this we desire to encourage every child to develop a personal relationship with Christ which supercedes all other relationships.
- *Devoted love for others* – We believe that there is no genuine love of God that does not usher out into a devoted love of others (Matthew 22:39). For this reason we will point our children to a lifestyle of selfless love for others (Galatians 5:13).
- *Informal environment* – LOGOS has been designed to be a more informal environment in order to promote the development of relationships (child to child, and adult to child) and the experience of fellowship, and to promote discussion that encourages application of the Word.
- *Systematic teaching* – We believe it is important to establish the children in the foundations of the Biblical faith. Through a catechetical (Q&A) approach we attempt to ground the children in the truths that have throughout church history been held as central to the faith. The children cycle through these essential questions and answers of the faith every two years - at each cycle building on the previous one.
- *Bible memory* – We believe that God's Word treasured in the children's hearts will have its way in leading to a life of purity and wisdom. (Ps 119:9,11) Though the children may not understand everything they memorize we believe their efforts in memory work will provide for them a storehouse of truth that can be drawn from in the future.
- *Small groups* – We believe that discipleship groups are important in order to express our love and care for one another through times devoted to: prayer with and for one another, personal application of the message, and accountability for following through on our applications.
- *Knowledge and application of God's Word* – We believe that the goal of our instruction should not only be that children are hearers and learners of the Word, but also doers. Growth in knowledge is important but is insufficient if it is not applied to life.

Current distinctives of the ministry:

- ◆ Systematic training
- ◆ Great ministry for outreach
- ◆ Informal environment
- ◆ Focus on loving God and loving others
- ◆ Strong emphasis on memory work
- ◆ Discipleship groups

#### **IV. Format of the Ministry**

There are three parts to each club evening:

A. Memory Time – during this time the children review verses previously learned, are given an explanation of their new verse, and are assisted in memorizing it.

B. Bible Teaching Time – during this time a Bible truth is developed through a variety of teaching methods. Time spent discussing the lesson as well as praying through the lesson often follow.

Each evening is centered around one Bible truth which is presented to the child in the form of a question and an answer. The story and memory verse are used to help the children understand the main truth contained in the question and answer.

C. Craft/Game Time – during this segment of the night leaders and students take time to enjoy one another and build rapport as they participate in a planned game, craft, snack or other activity. Much can be learned during these times as leaders focus on God's presence in all of life's activities.

#### **V. Content of the Ministry**

The year 1 curriculum begins with 7-8 lessons on the basics of salvation. The remainder of the lessons focus on learning the significance of each phrase in the Apostle's Creed. The year 2 curriculum begins with a series about the Ten Commandments, which is followed by a three part series on salvation basics. The remainder of the year is devoted to the study of the Lord's Prayer, except at the grade 5-6 level which ends with a focus on the Beatitudes.

Every 2 years the children cycle through the basic ideas found in the Heidelberg Catechism. At each succeeding level those ideas are then developed further. For example, in the year two curriculum, at level one the students study what the commandments tell us not to do. At the second level students study how love fulfills the commands. Finally, at the third level the children learn how the commandments reflect the character of God. By this method children receive multiple exposures to the material at increasing depths.

#### **VI. Leadership of the Ministry**

A club work is only as good as its leadership. In order for LOGOS to work and not lead children to cold formalism in their faith, leaders will have to work hard at developing a true community of faith within their groups. This will necessitate lots of prayer. It will also involve apprentice relationships. We hope each group will divide their children into

groups under the care of a leader, trainer, discipler. The discipler should work hard at living the Christian life before the children, should shower the clubbers with the love of Christ, should show special interest in each child, and should encourage children in their learning and practicing of the faith. The discipler should also make sure that his main purpose is to lead children to a personal knowledge of and relationship with God in Jesus Christ.

## Notes about using this Teacher's Manual

1. This manual contains **sample** lessons which are designed to show you how the lesson **might** be developed. They are not meant to be read to the children, nor are they designed to take the place of serious study by the teacher. It is hoped that each teacher will first prayerfully and carefully study the lesson scripture. Allow God to speak to you and to direct your thinking. Then read through the sample lesson and ask God to help you form your own unique lesson. Be sure to pray throughout the process, asking God to use you to communicate **His** message to the children.
2. Warning: Historically, catechisms were well used by God's people, but they were also misused. In too many instances people were led by their leaders to a cold formalism. Instead of being transformed by its truths, the people were hardened to the truth. To avoid repeating this tragedy be sure to focus on God in each lesson. Do not teach the Apostle's Creed; teach about the God to which the Apostle's Creed points. Do not teach the Ten Commandments; instead teach about the God who gave them. Don't teach the Lord's Prayer; instead use it to encourage true and living devotion to God. At the end of the day, what will matter is that the children have come to a personal relationship with the One True God. Whether they can answer all the questions word for word is not the most important matter.
3. According to 2 Timothy 3:16 God's inspired word is profitable for teaching, reproof, correction and training in righteousness. It is well able to make the man of God equipped and adequate for every good work. This truth should direct our teaching at all times. Our purpose in sharing God's Word is not just to "tell a story and sit down". This is not about entertaining children. What we are about is being used by God to equip the next generation of Kingdom laborers. At the end of each lesson it is important to call the children to apply the truths heard in such a way that will contribute to their being more fully ready for God's service. Help children make Kingdom applications!

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 1 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Mark 12:28-34

**Q&A:** How can the Ten Commandments be summed up? The Ten Commandments can be summed up like this: love the Lord your God with your all (first four commandments), and love your neighbor as yourself (remaining six commandments).

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Come to understand that the Ten Commandments can be summed up in the love of God and love of neighbor.
2. Pray for God's grace to love as He has called us to love.

### Introduction

1. One day a Gentile man, that is, one who is not a Jew, came up to a very famous Jewish Rabbi named Hillel and presented a challenge. He said, "Make me a proselyte (a new convert) on condition that you teach me the whole law while I stand on one foot." Now the man did not really think Hillel could do this. He knew the Jews had many laws, in fact, they had so many laws, the man was certain he would tire of standing on one leg before Hillel could teach him the whole law.

Do you know what Hillel did? He simply said, "What you hate for yourself, do not do to your neighbor: this is the whole law, the rest is commentary; go and learn."

2. Now, if one of your friends came up to you and challenged you, saying he would become a Christian if you could teach him the whole message of the Bible while he stood on one foot, what would you say? (Allow for discussion. Try to get the children to mention many things concerning duties related to family, work, church, neighbors, friends,...)

3. In our story today, Jesus is confronted with a similar situation. He is asked a very difficult question. Let's see what that question is, and how Jesus answered it. If you have your Bibles turn with me to Mark 12.

### Body

1. When Jesus walked the earth there were many men, often religious rulers, who were jealous of Jesus. He spoke words like no other man ever did, and he performed miracles, resulting in many people coming to follow Him. The religious leaders did not like losing their following.

One day numbers of these rulers were trying to ask Jesus questions, hoping that they could stump Him and make Him look foolish before the crowds. They were, however, unsuccessful, for Jesus answered every question very wisely.

2. As one man, a scribe or teacher of the law, observed Jesus answer every question wisely, he thought perhaps Jesus could answer a question that had troubled him and many others for some time. So he went up to Jesus and asked his question. Look at verse 28.

**Mark 12:28** *One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?"*

What was the question the man wanted Jesus to answer? (Which is the most important commandment?) You see in Jesus' day there was a debate. The religious rulers wanted to know which commandment was first, or most important, or to put it another way: which commandment, if kept, would enable a man to keep all the other commandments or do all that God required. They wanted to know this because the Jewish law had 613 laws, 365 negative and 248 positive. Since trying to keep 613 laws was a very difficult, actually impossible task, the leaders wanted to try to simplify their duty to God and man. In our club how many rules do we have? We actually have only 5-6. What if we had 613 rules? Would it be easy to follow all the rules? No, it would be very difficult. If we had 613 rules, all of you would be asking me to simplify our rules, too.

3. We see Jesus' answer in verse 29-31.

**Mark 12:29-31** *"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' 31 The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these."*

Jesus answered the man's question by referring to two Old Testament texts. The first is found in Deuteronomy 6:4-5. Jews refer to it as the Shema and made it their practice to recite it twice a day. It states that there is one God and only one God, and that this God has entered into covenant or agreement with His chosen people. That's what the phrase "the Lord our God is one" is supposed to communicate. And because God is the Only One and has blessed His people, they ought to love Him with their all. That's what Jesus meant when He said to love the Lord, your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength. We are to love God with everything He has given us.

The second Old Testament text was from Leviticus 19:18. It states that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. This is to say what Hillel suggested that whatever we hate we should not do to our neighbor. Or it is like the "golden rule" that we are to do to others as we would like others to do to us.

Note that Jesus ends His statement by saying there is no commandment (singular) greater than these (plural). What Jesus was teaching by using the singular "commandment" is that loving God and loving others are very closely related. If you love God, you will love others. No one can claim the love of God who is not loving His neighbor.

4. Well when the teacher of the law heard Jesus' answer, he was quite impressed. Look at what he said to Jesus.

**Mark 12:32-33** *“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. 33 To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”*

Did the man agree with Jesus? He sure did. He basically repeated what Jesus said, confirming that a man keeps all that God requires if He loves God with his all and his neighbor as himself. And how did Jesus respond to this man? Look at verse 34.

**Mark 12:34** *When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.*

5. Now if the man confirmed that what Jesus said is correct, why do you think Jesus said he was not far from the kingdom of God? Shouldn't he have said that the man has found the key to living for God? What do you think?

I believe Jesus said this because the man was missing one thing. He did not realize who Jesus was, that He was the Son of God, and that he could not keep even these two simple laws unless Jesus became ruler in His life.

### **Application**

Now let me look at two applications of our lesson today.

1. What did Jesus say that most important commandment was? Or to put the question in the words of our question for this lesson “How can the 10 commandments be summed up?”. Yes, we are to love the Lord, our God, with our all, and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

Now let's see how this is really true by looking at 10 of those 613 commandments and seeing if they really can be summed up as Jesus suggested. (Put the 10 commandments on the board. You may want to ask the children to name them for you. Then go through each commandment and show how they either are fulfilled in loving God or loving others.)

2. Since we can reduce all that God requires of us to two simple commandments, it must be easy to do all that God requires. Isn't that right? No, it's not. Do we really always put nothing before God? Does our speech and behavior always represent the name of the Lord well? Do we always honor the Sabbath by setting the day aside for God? Do we always honor and obey our parents? Do we always say kind words that promote the life of others? Are we always faithful to our promises? Are we always satisfied with what God has given us and never desiring what another has?

If we are honest I am sure we will say keeping even just two commandments is not easy because we are selfish by nature. We need the Lord Jesus Christ to come and live inside us. We need Jesus to come and be our ruler so that as we follow Him we will be doing the will of our heavenly Father more perfectly.

Is Jesus ruling in your heart? Have you confessed your failure to keep His commands? Have you asked the Lord to forgive your sins and to help you live for Him?

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 1**

**1. Review**

Since this is the first lesson and since this verse is also the same as the club theme verse, there will be no review today.

**2. Explain the verse**

**Mark 12:30-31a** *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’*

- What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength? (The verse is saying that we must love God with our all, with everything that we are.)
- What does it mean to love your neighbor as yourself? (Treat your neighbor as you would want to be treated.)
- Do you always love God with your all and love your neighbor as yourself? Do you think anybody does?

**3. Memorize the verse**

Erase a word: Recite the whole verse with the children. If a child can say the verse let him erase one word. Then recite the verse with the group. Continue this procedure until all the words are erased and each child has mastered the verse. Be sure to say the reference before and after the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What question did the teacher of the law ask Jesus? (Which of the commandments was the most important.)
2. Why did the man want to know the answer to this question? (The Jews had 613 laws and wanted to know if there was a simpler way of understanding their duty to God.)
3. What answer did Jesus give the man? (To love God with our all and to love our neighbor as ourselves.)
4. Did the man agree with Jesus? (Yes, the man confirmed that what Jesus said was true.)
5. Why did Jesus say the man wasn't far from the kingdom of God? (Perhaps he lacked a knowledge of who Jesus was, for if He knew who Jesus was He would have enthroned Him as King of his heart.)
6. Can any man keep the simple commandment Jesus gave? Why or why not? (No. We have sinful, selfish hearts. )
7. What is it that every man needs if he can begin to live as God desires? (He needs a clean heart where Jesus reigns.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 2 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Daniel 1

**Q&A:** Does the law serve a purpose for Christians? Yes, the law shows Christians how to live obediently.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Come to see that God's law is a guide for joyful and obedient living for those who already know Christ.
2. Commit to studying and obeying God's Word so that he may live a life pleasing to the Lord.

### Introduction

1. Are you ready for a True-False test? Here are two questions for you. Can a person get right with God by keeping the law (ie: the 10 commandments)? Can a person earn his way to heaven by keeping perfectly the 10 commandments? What do you think? (Allow children to express their thoughts.) According to the Bible the answer to both questions is a resounding "No". First of all, even if a person could keep the commandments from this day forward, this would not take care of all his past sins. Secondly, no man can keep the 10 commandments perfectly, because we all have a sinful, selfish heart. Try as we might, none of us loves God with our all, and loves our neighbor as ourselves. We fall often.

2. You may ask then, "What good are the 10 commandments? What purpose does the law serve?" Several centuries ago a man named John Calvin wrote that there are three purposes for the law. The first was to help governments make laws that would promote the safety and health of the people. Can you think of any of the ten commandments that are used in this way, even today? (Allow for answers.) Yes, we still have laws that concern not stealing, not giving false testimony, not murdering and others.

The second use of the law we learned in our first and second grade class. We learned that the law shows us our sinfulness and \_\_\_\_\_ - can you finish the sentence? Yes, it leads us to Christ. We said the law acts as a mirror. When we look at it, it shows us how we have failed to keep it. This should encourage us to look to Jesus who is our only source of hope.

3. Now there is a third use of the law that is **especially for Christians**. Remember, the first use was for governments and the second use was for people who are not Christians. As we look at our Bible story today let's see how a godly young man made a very important use (the third use) of God's law. Listen well and see if you can see what that third use is. Turn with me to Daniel 1.

## Body

1. Our story takes place in the third year of the reign of King Jehoiakim of Judah. We see this in verse one. This was the same year Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon came against Jerusalem and began to try to conquer it. This all was happening because the people of God had broken covenant with God. God had promised to give them a land, and to bless them greatly, but they needed to follow the law of God. Sadly, the people rejected God and His law, and as a result, God sent Nebuchadnezzar to rip them from their land. This was the purpose of Nebuchadnezzar's arrival.

2. Nebuchadnezzar was somewhat successful in this first attempt at conquering Judah. He was able to capture the king, some of the vessels made of precious metals from the temple, and a number of youths from the royal family and from the nobles. He was especially interested in these youths because he thought they might one day make good rulers in his land.

When the youths arrived in Babylon, Nebuchadnezzar ordered one of his chiefs, Ashpenaz, to train them for the king's service. He wanted these youths to learn the literature and language of Babylon and to eat the king's food and drink the king's wine. He even wanted them to adopt Babylonian names. Nebuchadnezzar's hope was that in three years several of these youth would be ready for some significant service to the king. The Bible tells us that among these youth were Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. You know the last three better by their Babylonian names: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego.

3. Let's pick up the story now in verse 8 and see a problem one of the youth had with the king's plan.

### **Daniel 1:8-13**

*8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way. 9 Now God had caused the official to show favor and sympathy to Daniel, 10 but the official told Daniel, "I am afraid of my lord the king, who has assigned your food and drink. Why should he see you looking worse than the other young men your age? The king would then have my head because of you."*

*11 Daniel then said to the guard whom the chief official had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, 12 "Please test your servants for ten days: Give us nothing but vegetables to eat and water to drink. 13 Then compare our appearance with that of the young men who eat the royal food, and treat your servants in accordance with what you see."*

Now the king's plan to transform Daniel and his friends into special servants included many things, but Daniel objected to one thing. What was it? It was the eating of the king's food and the drinking of the king's wine. Why was Daniel not willing to eat and drink what the king served? What does verse 8 suggest? He did not want to defile himself or making himself unclean before God. Now how would eating and drinking what the king served defile him, and how did Daniel know it would defile him?

4. It is important to know that the king's meat was probably offered to idols – false gods – before it was served to Daniel and the others. It was also probable that wine was

somehow offered to the gods as well. Thus both the meat and the wine were contaminated, or made unclean through contact with false worship. Daniel knew that this was the case, and he knew that he would make himself unclean before God by taking the king's food. He knew that this would not be pleasing to God. And how did he know that this would not be pleasing to God? Daniel obviously knew God's law. God's law served for Daniel as a guide to obedient living. It taught him how to live as a follower of God in a pleasing manner.

5. And what was the result of Daniel's seeking to follow God's law, even if it went against the king's desires? As the story proceeds we see that the king's chief listened to Daniel's suggestion. He fed Daniel and his friends vegetables and water. And what happened after 10 days? Daniel and his friends had better appearance than all those who ate the king's food. Because of this the king's chief kept feeding Daniel and his friends vegetables and water.

God also blessed their obedience by giving these youth much knowledge and intelligence. In fact, at the end of their training period, Daniel and his friends were found to be the top students. The king chose them for his service and found these four to be 10 times better than all the others.

### **Application**

1. Now as you think on this story, what use did Daniel make of the law? It served to teach him how to live obediently. He was asked to do a lot of things by the king's chief, many of which he did. But one thing he would not do because he knew from God's law that it would not be pleasing to God. Because he knew the law, he was able to keep himself from becoming unclean and displeasing the Lord.

Did you know the law serves the same purpose for us? Though we cannot make ourselves right with God by keeping the law, and we can't earn heaven by perfectly obeying it, once we are Christians, the law can help us know what is pleasing to God. It can serve as a guide for obedient living and can keep us from sin which always has unwanted consequences.

2. Now do you think Daniel would have kept himself from uncleanness if he did not know the law? The fact is Daniel probably would have done what all the other youth did had he not known the Word of God. The same is true for us. We will probably do what all the other boys and girls do in our world (good or bad) unless we know God's Word and purpose to obey it with the help of His Spirit.

May I ask you a question? Do you know the Word of God? Do you read it on your own? When you are at church do you really try to learn what the Word is teaching you? If you are going to be like a Daniel and keep yourself in a state free from sin and pleasing to God, you will have to make learning God's Word a real priority in your life. Then when you are faced with a difficult decision, like Daniel, you will be able to make a choice that will honor God. And do you know what? When you have God living in you, you will want to do that. That's what our memory verse suggests when it says, "I desire to do your will, O my God".

3. If you are a Christian today, will you make a commitment to learn all you can about God from His Word? If you are not yet a Christian, will you let God's law show you your sinfulness and lead you to Christ?

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 2**

**1. Review**

Review lesson one question and answer and memory verse. Give each child a chance to review this material. It is appropriate to ask a few questions about the meaning. Be sure you leave enough time for learning the new verse.

**2. Explain the verse**

*Psalm 40:8 I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."*

- How did the psalmist feel about the law of God? (He really wanted to do or obey it.)
- Apparently what did the psalmist do that helped him do God's will? (He had it in his heart. Perhaps this meant he thought about it much and made a home for it in his heart.)
- What kind of person would say words like the psalmist did? (One whose heart has been changed by God. One who loves God. One who has the Spirit living within him.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Erase a word: Recite the whole verse with the children. If a child can say the verse let him erase one word. Then recite the verse with the group. Continue this procedure until all the words are erased and each child has mastered the verse. Be sure to say the reference before and after the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What are the first two uses of the law? (Governments can use it to form laws. The law shows unbelievers their sinfulness and leads them to Christ.)
2. Can a person get right with God by keeping the law? Why or why not? (No, because of our selfish heart we never will keep the law perfectly. Also keeping the law does not take care of past sins.)
3. What happened to Daniel and his three friends? (They were taken from their land and brought to Babylon in order to be trained for Nebuchadnezzar's service.)
4. To what part of the training did Daniel and his friends object and why? (They did not want to eat the king's food or drink his wine because this would make them unclean.)
5. How did Daniel know taking in the king's food and drink would make them unclean? (They knew God's law well.)
6. What is the third use of the law? (It teaches Christians how to live obediently and pleasing before God.)
7. What had to be true of Daniel and has to be true of us if the law is going to teach us in this way? (We must know the Word well and must be committed to obeying it.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 3 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text: Genesis 22:1-19**

**Q&A: How can I fully keep the first commandment? To fully keep the first commandment nothing in my life should be as important as God.**

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to tell how Abraham fulfilled the first commandment; how he showed there was nothing in his life as important as God.
2. Confess to God any "other gods" in his life and commit, by God's grace, to loving God supremely.

### Introduction

1. Who remembers what we said two lessons ago about how we can sum up the Ten Commandments? (Allow children to respond.) We said we can sum up the commandments or fulfill what God requires by loving God with our all and loving our neighbor as ourselves. If we do these two things we will be doing all that God desires.

Which commandments have to do with loving God with our all? (The first four) Which have to do with loving our neighbor as ourselves? (The last six)

2. Now I want you to imagine with me that you are walking down the street when you come upon a man who is laying down on the ground. He appears to be very weak, dirty and needy. As you walk by him you begin to think: "The 6<sup>th</sup> commandment tells me not to murder. I'm not planning on murdering him. The 7<sup>th</sup> is about stealing someone else's wife. That certainly doesn't apply here. The 8<sup>th</sup> deals with stealing. This guy obviously doesn't have anything to steal. The 9<sup>th</sup> deals with bearing false witness. I don't have to worry about that. Finally, the 10<sup>th</sup> speaks about coveting. This man obviously doesn't have anything I would want, so I guess I must be doing what God requires because I am not breaking any of these commands." After reasoning in this way, you simply walk away from the man.

Now, let me ask you: Did you fulfill God's wishes for yourself and this man? Did you fully keep or fulfill the Ten Commandments? (Allow for discussion)

The fact is, you did not fulfill God's desires. He would have had you help this man in a loving way, perhaps by bringing him food and finding him a place to stay. Here is a major point: It is never enough simply not to do what the commandments forbid. To truly fulfill God's commands we must also do what love would show us in every situation.

3. As we study the Ten Commandments in the next ten weeks we will be showing how love fulfills each of the commandments. We will learn that doing God's will is much more

than not doing some things, but that it is allowing love to tell us what to do in each situation as well.

4. Now who can tell me what the first commandment is? God said that we should have no other gods before or besides Him. Thus, this commandment is forbidding us to have any other gods. Do you think it is enough merely not to have any other gods, or is there a little more to fulfilling this first commandment?

Let's look at a story about Abraham in the OT and see what we can learn about how he truly fulfilled the first commandment. Turn with me to Genesis 22 as we look at this important story.

### **Body**

1. Abraham and Sarah were getting old. Abraham was 75 years old and Sarah was 65. Sadly, they were without children and feeling like they were getting too old to have any. This was very sad, for in those days it was especially unfortunate not to have children.

One day, however, God came to Abraham and Sarah, and told them that they would have a child. How do you think they felt about this? Of course, they were very, very glad.

But years went by, actually 25 of them, and they still did not have a child. Now they had tried to help God out during those 25 years, but all their attempts were not what God wanted. Once they thought of making Abraham's servant, Eliezer, the heir. That would be like a son. Another time, Sarah gave her maid to Abraham to have a child with her. But God did not need help. In fact, He wanted them to see that He was their only hope.

Finally, though, when Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90, they had a son. His name was Isaac. Both Abraham and Sarah were very glad. This was their very own son whom they loved greatly. Their hearts desire had been fulfilled after so many years.

2. One day, after Isaac had grown some, God came to Abraham and asked something very unusual of him. Let's read what He said. Look at verse 1-2 in chapter 22.

**Genesis 22:1-2** *Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, Isaac, whom you love, and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains I will tell you about."*

How do you think Abraham reacted to this? This was the son that he had waited for for so long. Even God said that this was his "only son, whom you love". God knew the strong attachment Abraham had for this boy. Why would God ask Abraham to do this? What would Abraham do? Let's read on.

### **Genesis 22:3-8**

*3 Early the next morning Abraham got up and saddled his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. 4 On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. 5 He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." 6 Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, 7 Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.*

*“The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together.*

What did Abraham do? He obeyed immediately, didn't he? Now how could he do this? This was his only son whom he dearly loved! Why did he quickly do what God was asking him? He did it because there was something that he loved most of all, and that was God. Though he did not understand why God was asking him to do this, he would do it because he truly loved God and trusted Him to keep His promises.

3. Abraham and Isaac finally made their way to the site God had directed them. Abraham built an altar and arranged the wood. Then he took his son whom he loved, and bound him and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Then, in obedience to God, he lifted a knife purposing to sacrifice to God his most treasured possession. Can you imagine how difficult this must have been for him?

Just then an angel called from heaven telling Abraham to stop what he was doing. He said, “Now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me” (vs. 12). At that moment Abraham raised his eyes and saw a ram caught in a thicket. Here was God's provision for the sacrifice. Abraham unbound his son, caught the ram, and then sacrificed it as a burnt offering – an offering that was designed to show His full devotion to God. Then the Lord through this angel told Abraham some amazing things. Look at verses 15-18 with me.

### **Genesis 22:15-18**

*15 The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time 16 and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, 17 I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, 18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”*

Did you see what happened? Because Abraham kept all things from being more important than God, including his only son whom he loved, and because Abraham loved God supremely, showing it by his tremendous obedience, God was going to bless him with many descendants. In fact, he would have descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky, and as numerous as the sand on the seashore. Abraham lost nothing in having God as his greatest treasure. In fact, he gained greatly.

### **Application**

1. Let's go back to the first commandment again. God commands that we have no other gods before, beside, in addition to or above Him. But it is not enough just to keep away from other gods, we must also make the One true God our greatest love; we must make sure that he is most important in our lives.

Did Abraham do this? Did he fulfill the first commandment? If so, how? Yes, he not only kept away from other gods, but he showed God was his first love by being willing to sacrifice his only son. Abraham truly shows us what it means to fulfill the first commandment.

2. What about you? What do you love the most? Are there things in your life that are more important than God? Friends? T.V.? Video games? Sports? Family? Food or

snack? Popularity? Pleasure? Possessions? Power? If there are other gods beside the One true God, I encourage you to confess this before God. Tell God that you have been foolish to put other things as more important than Him. Ask Him to give you a heart that loves Him most of all. Do you know what? When God becomes most important in your life, it is then that you will be most happy and fulfilled in this life. Like Abraham, who was greatly blessed by God because of his obedient love, so you will receive God's best blessings which come from His Son , Jesus Christ.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 3**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 1&2. Give a few children a chance to recite these lessons and then recite them all together. Be sure to leave enough time to work on the new memory.

**2. Explain the verse**

*Psalm 73:25 Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.*

- Who is the “you” in this verse? About whom is the Psalmist speaking? (God)
- From this verse can you tell how the Psalmist felt about God? (God was his most treasured possession in all heaven and earth.)
- What are some things boys and girls desire besides or more than God? (Toys, friends, money, popularity, having fun,...)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Ping Pong: Divide your group into two teams. Use your finger to represent the ping pong ball. Point to each team -- that team will say one word (or two) each time the finger points to them. Continue to do this through the verse several times until the verse is learned.

**Lesson Review Questions**

Are you doing all God desires by keeping yourself away from what God forbids in the ten commandments? (No, God desires that we also do what love teaches us to do in each situation.)

What is the first commandment? (To have no other gods beside the One true God.)

What was Abraham’s prized possession? (His son, Isaac.)

Why was Isaac so special to Abraham? (He had waited 25 years for this son.)

What strange thing did God ask Abraham to do? (To sacrifice his only son.)

What was this test designed to show about Abraham? (It showed if He loved God above all things including his dear son.)

Did Abraham fulfill the first commandment? (Yes, he showed that nothing was more important to him than God.)

What things can act as gods in our life and become more important than God? (Toys, friends, popularity, having fun, power, sports, the media,...)

Will you confess where you have made other things more important than God, and will you ask God to teach you to love Him above all?

How was Abraham blessed for his obedience? (God made him a father of nations.)

**LOGOS Kids Club  
Lesson 1 Worksheet**

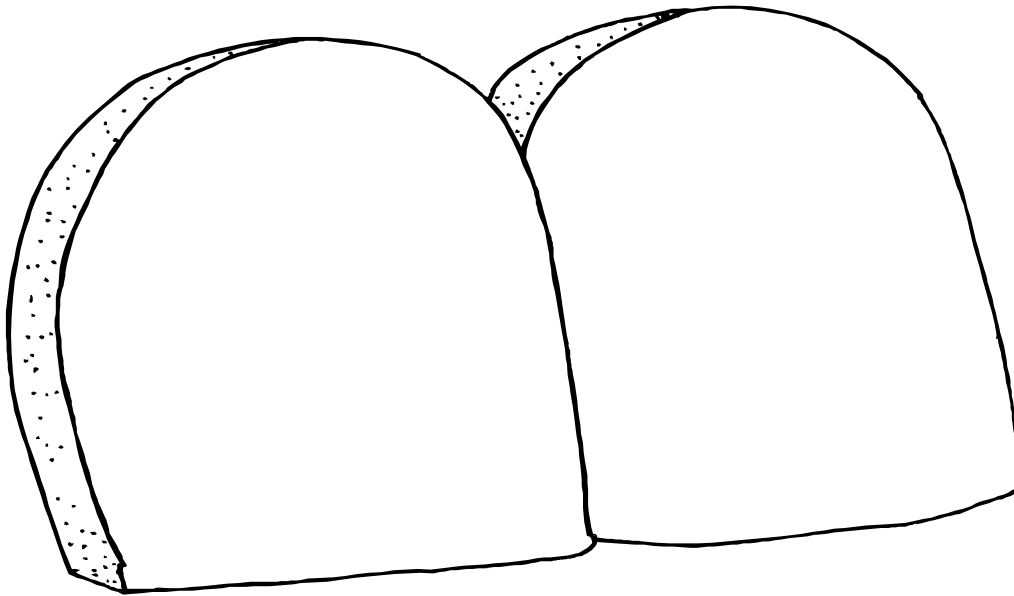
**Fill in the blanks**

**Question #1: How can the 10 commandments be summed up?**

**Answer #1: The 10 commandments can be summed up like this:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

**Briefly write out the 10 commandments. Put the commandments that have to do with loving God on the left side. Put the commandments that have to do with loving others on the right side.**



**Fill in the blanks for your memory verse.**

**Love the \_\_\_\_\_ your \_\_\_\_\_ with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and**

**With all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your \_\_\_\_\_ and with all your**

**\_\_\_\_\_ . The second is this: Love your \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_ .**

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**Lesson 2 Worksheet**

Match the purpose of the law on the right with the person(s) who would use the law in this way on the left. Draw a line between the two that match. Be careful how you do this!

**The Government**

**To show sinfulness and lead to Christ.**

**An Unbeliever**

**To show how to live obediently**

**A Believer**

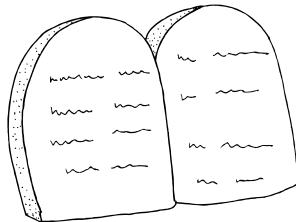
**To work one's way to heaven.**

**To make laws so all the people live in harmony.**

Fill in the blanks below. Use the word bank to help you.

**Question #2: Does the law serve a purpose for Christians?**

**Answer #2:** \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ shows  
\_\_\_\_\_ how to live \_\_\_\_\_.



**Word Bank**

Obediently

Yes

Law

Christians

Number the phrases in the order they appear in your memory verse.  
Then write out your verse on the line provided.

\_\_\_\_\_ within my heart      \_\_\_\_\_ O my God      \_\_\_\_\_ I desire to

\_\_\_\_\_ your law is      \_\_\_\_\_ do your will      \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 40:8

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**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Lesson 3 Worksheet**

**Fill in the missing words in your answer to question #3. The words in the word bank may help. Note: some of the words don't belong!**

<p><b>Word Bank</b> God nothing money myself life necessary important popularity sin</p>
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**Question #3: How can I fully keep the first commandment?**

**Answer #3: To fully keep the first commandment \_\_\_\_\_ in my \_\_\_\_\_ should be as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.**

**In 3 of the boxes below draw examples of things children your age make more important than God. In the 4<sup>th</sup> box draw a picture of what Abraham did to show that God was most important in his life.**


Decode the following. Do you recognize these words?

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# LOGOS Kids Club

## Year 2 – Lesson 1-3 Review – Grades 3-4

### 1. Quiz Game

Using the quiz game ask each group of children 10 questions. After 10 questions invite a new group of 10 children to answer questions. If any child answers 3 questions correctly he is not allowed to answer any more.

A. How can the 10 commandments be summed up? (The 10 commandments can be summed up like this: love the Lord your God with your all – first 4 commandments – and love your neighbor as yourself (remaining 6 commandments).

B. Recite Mark 12:30-31a. (Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

C. What question did the teacher of the law ask Jesus? (Which of the commandments was the most important.)

D. Why did the man want to know the answer to this question? (The Jews had 613 laws and wanted to know if there was a simpler way of understanding their duty to God.)

E. What answer did Jesus give the man? (To love God with our all and to love our neighbor as ourselves.)

F. Did the man agree with Jesus? (Yes, the man confirmed that what Jesus said was true.)

G. Why did Jesus say the man wasn't far from the kingdom of God? (Perhaps he lacked a knowledge of who Jesus was, for if He knew who Jesus was He would have enthroned Him as King of his heart.)

H. Can any man keep the simple commandment Jesus gave? Why or why not? (No. We have sinful, selfish hearts. )

I. What is it that every man needs if he can begin to live as God desires? (He needs a clean heart where Jesus reigns.)

J. Does the law serve a purpose for Christians? (Yes, the law shows Christians how to live obediently.)

K. Recite Psalm 40:8. (I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.)

L. What are the first two uses of the law? (Governments can use it to form laws. The law shows unbelievers their sinfulness and leads them to Christ.)

M. Can a person get right with God by keeping the law? Why or why not? (No, because of our selfish heart we never will keep the law perfectly. Also keeping the law does not take care of past sins.)

N. What happened to Daniel and his three friends? (They were taken from their land and brought to Babylon in order to be trained for Nebuchadnezzar's service.)

O. To what part of the training did Daniel and his friends object and why? (They did not want to eat the king's food or drink his wine because this would make them unclean.)

- P. How did Daniel know taking in the king's food and drink would make them unclean? (They knew God's law well.)
- Q. What is the third use of the law? (It teaches Christians how to live obediently and pleasing before God.)
- R. What had to be true of Daniel and has to be true of us if the law is going to teach us in this way? (We must know the Word well and must be committed to obeying it.)
- S. How can I fully keep the first commandment? (To fully keep the first commandment nothing in my life should be as important as God.)
- T. Recite Psalm 73:25. (Whom have I in heaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you.)
- U. Are you doing all God desires by keeping yourself away from what God forbids in the ten commandments? (No, God desires that we also do what love teaches us to do in each situation.)
- V. What is the first commandment? (To have no other gods beside the One true God.)
- W. What was Abraham's prized possession? (His son, Isaac.)
- X. Why was Isaac so special to Abraham? (He had waited 25 years for this son.)
- Y. What strange thing did God ask Abraham to do? (To sacrifice his only son.)
- Z. What was this test designed to show about Abraham? (It showed if He loved God above all things including his dear son.)
- AA. Did Abraham fulfill the first commandment? (Yes, he showed that nothing was more important to him than God.)
- BB. What things can act as gods in our life and become more important than God? (Toys, friends, popularity, having fun, power, sports, the media,...)
- CC. Will you confess where you have made other things more important than God, and will you ask God to teach you to love Him above all?
- DD. How was Abraham blessed for his obedience? (God made him a father of nations.)

## **2. Recitation and Worksheets**

Have the children recite the memory verses and answers to the questions. While one child recites have the other children working on the worksheets designed for lessons 1-3.

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Year 2 – Lesson 4 – Grades 3-4

### Lesson Focus

**Text:** John 4:1-42 (especially vs. 1-26)

**Q&A:** How should I worship in order to fulfill the second commandment? To fulfill the second commandment I must worship God in spirit and truth.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Come to understand what it means to worship God in spirit and truth.
2. Seek to be a true worshipper.

### Introduction

1. Who can tell me what the second commandment is? (Allow for response) Let me read for you from Exodus 20:4-6. The second commandment says this:

*4 "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.*

Now let me ask you several questions to see if you are keeping this commandment.

- How many of you have made an idol lately in the form of something in the skies, or on the earth, or beneath the waters?
- How many of you have bowed down to or worshipped an image lately?

Now if you have not made, nor bowed down to, nor worshipped an image lately, does that mean that you have fulfilled the second commandment? Does that mean that you can "tick off" another commandment as having been kept by you? (Allow for discussion) The truth that we have been trying to bring out these past weeks is that it is not enough simply not to do what the commandments forbid. To fulfill the commandments we must also do what love urges us to do.

2. Today we shall look at a story that should help us see how we might fulfill the second commandment. Turn with me to John 4 and let's try to learn what God wants us to about true worship, which is the focus of the second command.

### Body

1. One day Jesus was walking with His disciples. They were walking from Judea into Galilee, but in order to get there they needed to pass through Samaria, unless they wanted to take a long detour. Taking a detour was tempting to some Jews because they really did not want to have anything to do with the people of Samaria. There was a kind of feud going on between the Samaritans and the Jews.

This feud started many hundreds of years before Jesus was born. The people of Israel who lived in the north of the land had been very disobedient to God. In punishment God brought the nation of Assyria to enter the land and to carry most of the people away. The few people who were left were generally poor and not a threat to the Assyrians.

As was the custom of the Assyrians, they brought into the land of Israel other people from other countries which they had conquered. In time the Jews that remained married these other peoples and formed a religion that was similar to the faith of the Jews with several differences. Those differences included: they only believed in the first 5 books of the Old Testament, they believed in the God of Israel as one God among many (Yahweh was a territorial god), and they believed that the true place of worship was at Mt. Gerizim, not the mountain in Jerusalem.

Later, after the people who lived in the south were taken from their land, and then were allowed to return, a great rift developed between the people in Samaria and those who settled near Jerusalem. Those Jews in came later considered the Samaritans unclean because they married non-Jews, and because they had polluted the true faith. Thus, there was a great divide between Samaritans and Jews.

2. So, Jesus a Jew, entered into the land of the Samaritans, and because of weariness, sat Himself down by a well in the city of Sychar. One would have expected Him to be a bit cautious because of being in “enemy” territory, but such turned out not to be the case.

As Jesus sat there a Samaritan woman came up to the well. Let’s read together and see what happened next.

### **John 4:7-15**

*7 When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, “Will you give me a drink?” 8 (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)*

*9 The Samaritan woman said to him, “You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?” (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*

*10 Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.”*

*11 “Sir,” the woman said, “you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? 12 Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?”*

*13 Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, 14 but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

*15 The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”*

Do you see what happened? Jesus spoke with the woman even though she was a Samaritan. She was a bit taken back by that. He also asked her for a cup of water and presumably would have drunk from the cup of a Samaritan. That was even more detestable to a Jew.

Why did Jesus do this? Because He had something else in mind. He cared for this woman and wanted to see her come to true faith. He wanted her to become a true

worshipper. So, He offered her “living water”. What He was doing was offering Himself to her. He was the living water that alone can satisfy the heart’s desire. Apparently, she wanted this water for she asked for it, but Jesus knew she did not yet understand. Let’s read on in our text.

### **John 4:16-20**

*16 He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”*

*17 “I have no husband,” she replied.*

*Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. 18 The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”*

*19 “Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. 20 Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”*

3. Jesus knew that the woman needed to come see her sinfulness before she would be ready to accept the living water. He knew that she needed to see how dry and empty her life was, so he brought up her messed up family life. She had been married 5 times and failed each time. Now the man she was with was not even her husband.

Confronted with her messed up life, the woman tried to change the subject. She tried to bring up the Samaritan versus Jew situation. She told Jesus that the Samaritans worshipped at Mt. Gerizim while the Jews worshipped in Jerusalem. She was trying to get the focus off her life and onto something else. The sad fact was that her form of worship had not really made a difference in her life. Argue as she might about where to worship, the fact was that her life was a mess.

4. Jesus, however, was not taken back by her comment. Let’s look how He answered her.

### **John 4:21-24**

*21 Jesus declared, “Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”*

Jesus said that a day was coming and actually had come when it would not matter what mountain you worshipped at. What would matter was that you worshipped in spirit and truth. You see this woman had been worshipping, going to the mountain she thought was important, performing the rituals she thought should be performed, but something was missing. She lacked a heart full of love, obedience and devotion to God, and she had the wrong focus for her worship. Instead of focusing on mountains and activities, she should have focused on God.

### **Application**

Sometimes we can be like this woman. We think because we come to a certain building, like the sanctuary, that we have worshipped God. We think because we have participated in certain activities (like singing songs, praying, giving offerings and

listening to sermons) that we have worshipped. Now we might have worshipped in a certain building and by doing certain activities, but it is no guarantee. We have only worshipped when we have focused on Jesus Christ and His worthiness, and when we have done so from a heart full of love, devotion and obedience towards God. This is to worship in spirit and truth. These are the worshippers God is looking for.

We asked at the beginning of the lesson if we have kept the second commandment by not making or serving idols. Obviously, the answer is “no”. We have only fulfilled the second commandment when we come to God, in the person of Jesus Christ, with hearts full of love, devotion, and obedience.

This coming Sunday when you come to worship service remember this: God is looking for worshippers who worship in spirit and in truth. Better yet, remember at all times, that God is looking for those whose eyes are on Jesus, and who desire to serve Him out of love.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 4**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 3. Remind the children that to fulfill God's first commandment we must have nothing as important as God in our life. Give individual children an opportunity to recite the lesson, then recite it as a whole group. Be sure to leave time for teaching the new verse.

**2. Explain the verse**

**John 4:24** *God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."*

- What does this verse say that God is? (He is spirit.)
- What does it mean that God is spirit? (He is not a material being. He is a spiritual being.)
- How must God's worshippers worship? (In spirit and truth)
- What do you think it means to worship in spirit and truth? (We must worship God with hearts full of love for the Lord Jesus.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Beanbag toss: Sit in a circle and give the first child a bean bag. He is to say the reference of the verse and then toss the beanbag to anyone else in the group. When that person catches the beanbag, he is to say the next word and then pass it on. Keep passing the beanbag until the verse is completely said. Try to make sure all children stay involved. To insure this you, might want to say that after a person has caught the beanbag once, they cannot catch it again until the next round.

**Lesson Review Questions**

What problem did the Jews have with the Samaritans? (They considered them unclean because they married people from foreign nations and changed the Jewish religion in some important ways.)

Why was Jesus asking the woman at the well for water a bit unsettling for her? (She knew Jews had no dealing with Samaritans. She knew Jews would not want to drink from a Samaritan vessel.)

What was Jesus' intention in talking with the women? (He wanted to offer her "living water". He was concerned for her soul.)

How did Jesus really get her attention? (He spoke about her messed up life.)

How did the woman try to change the subject? (She talked about the differences of religious practice between Jews and Samaritans.)

What did Jesus teach the woman about worship? (God desires worshippers who worship in spirit and truth; that is, whose focus is Jesus and who inwardly love the Lord.)

Would you say that you worship in spirit and truth? Explain your answer.

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 5 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Job 1-2

**Q&A:** What does the third commandment teach me about God's name? The third commandment teaches me that I should treat the name of God with respect and awe.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand that to fulfill the third commandment he must treat God's name with respect and awe.
2. Commit to honor God's name in word and deed, even in the midst of difficult situations.

## Introduction

1. (Before starting your lesson, write on the board the following: \_\_\_\_\_ is a jerk.) How many of you would mind if someone wrote your name in the blank? (Allow for response.) Why would it be such a big deal to have your name written in the blank? It's only your name, it's not you, is it? The fact is all of us would not like our names written in the blank because our names represent us. When someone uses our name in a conversation, our ears pick up because we believe they are talking about us. None of us separates our name from who we are.

2. The third commandment is about the name of God. God's name is very much a part of who God is as well. When we speak His name, in a sense God's ears pick up, because He knows we are speaking of Him. That's why the third commandment tells us that we should not use the Lord's name in vain. If we use God's name in a foolish, light or goofy way, then we are saying that we think God is goofy or foolish or light, too.

I know someone who often uses God's name in vain. She will simply say "God" as some sort of exclamation. When I told her she was using God's name in vain, she told me that she didn't mean anything by it. I told her that was exactly the point. To use God's name in vain is to use it in a way that makes nothing of it or that makes it something light and common. When we do that with God's name, in a sense we are making Him light and common in the ears of those who hear us, and God is anything but light and common.

3. In our past lessons we have been suggesting that to fulfill the commandments we must do more than just not do what the commandment forbids. We must also do what love urges us to do. Thus, it is not enough to just not use God's name in a vain or foolish way. We must do more.

Today we are going to look at the story of Job to try to find out how we might truly fulfill this commandment. I encourage you to listen well in order to find out how Job treated the name of God.

## **Body**

### 1. Job's character (1:1-5)

In the opening verses of the book of Job we see a description of Job. He was an amazing man. First of all, he was a very godly man. The author describes him as blameless, upright, fearing God and turning away from evil. So godly was this man that when his children gathered to have a feast, he would offer sacrifices to God just in case one of them had cursed God in their hearts.

Not only was Job a godly man, but he was very blessed. He had a large family with 7 sons and 3 daughters. He had much livestock: 7000 sheep, 3000 camels, 500 yoke of oxen, and 500 camels. He also had many servants who were needed to take care of all of these animals. So blessed was Job that the Bible says that he was the greatest man in all the East.

### 2. The Challenge (1:6-12)

Job enjoyed his relationship with God and all the blessings of God, but one day Satan came before God with a challenge which he hoped would put an end to all this. Let's listen in to the conversation Satan and God had. Look at verses 7-12 with me.

#### **Job 1:7-12**

*7 The LORD said to Satan, "Where have you come from?"*

*Satan answered the LORD, "From roaming through the earth and going back and forth in it."*

*8 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil."*

*9 "Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. 10 "Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. 11 But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."*

*12 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your hands, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."*

*Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.*

Did you catch Satan's challenge? He said that Job was only a godly man because God had blessed him greatly. If God took away all his possessions, Satan was sure Job would curse God. Satan was sure Job would use God's name in vain if he lost all his possessions.

### 3. The Calamity and Job's Response (1:13-19)

It wasn't too long after that disaster struck. A group of people called the Sabeans came and stole all his oxen and donkeys. They also killed his servants. Only one servant survived who ran to report to Job what had happened.

Next, fire came from heaven and burnt up all of Job's sheep and the servants who cared for the sheep. Only one servant survived who ran and reported to Job what had happened.

Next, a group of people called the Chaldeans came and took all of Job's camels. They also killed all of the servants who were tending the camels. Only one servant survived who ran to tell Job what happened.

Finally, a great wind rose up and blew across the land where Job's children were gathered for one of their feasts. The wind knocked down the house and all of the children were killed. Again a servant survived who ran and gave Job report of the terrible tragedy.

Now, if you were Job, how would you be feeling about now? Perhaps in a day everything Job owned was taken from him. That would be like you loosing your whole family, your house, your toys,... everything! How would you feel and how would you respond? Let's look again at our Bibles and see how Job responded. Look at verses 20-22.

### **Job 1:20-22**

*20 At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship 21 and said:*

*"Naked I came from my mother's womb,  
and naked I will depart.*

*The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;  
may the name of the LORD be praised."*

*22 In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.*

How did Job respond? Did he curse God? Did he use God's name in vain? Absolutely not! Job actually humbled himself and worshipped God for he believed God was in charge. He believed that God gives and He takes away, and He has a right to do so. Job would not belittle God's name by complaining or murmuring. In fact, he honored God's name by the way He reacted.

### **4. A second challenge (2:1-6)**

Sadly, Job's troubles were not over. Satan had another plan of attack. He entered the presence of God with another challenge. Let's look at this together. Let's pick up the conversation at verse 3 of chapter 2.

### **Job 2:3-6**

*3 Then the LORD said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one on earth like him; he is blameless and upright, a man who fears God and shuns evil. And he still maintains his integrity, though you incited me against him to ruin him without any reason."*

*4 "Skin for skin!" Satan replied. "A man will give all he has for his own life. 5 But stretch out your hand and strike his flesh and bones, and he will surely curse you to your face."*

*6 The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, he is in your hands; but you must spare his life."*

Did you catch what Satan said this time? He said the only reason Job didn't curse God the first time was because God did not touch his body in any way. It is one thing to lose your possession, but entirely another to lose one's health. Satan suggested that Job would curse God if God allowed some illness to plague his body.

#### 5. The second calamity and Job's response (2:7-13)

Shortly after this Job was afflicted with boils. From head to foot Job was covered with pussy swellings. All he could do for comfort was to take a pottery fragment and use its sharp edge to scap over the boils, perhaps to remove the pus and to give a little relief.

I can remember when I had the chicken pox. I felt like Job. I had marks all over my body. The worst place was on my head where the itchy feeling drove me crazy. The only way I could get relief was by pulling my hair. I imagine that's how Job felt. He was very miserable because of his new problem, and the question is: how would he respond?

Job's wife was not much help. Her advice to Job was to curse God and die. Job, however, would not be moved. He told his wife that she was speaking foolish things. Then he asked a very important question. He asked: shall we accept good from God and not accept adversity? Again Job believed God was right to bring on Job whatever he desired. He would not curse God. He would not take God's name in vain. The Bible says that in all this "Job did not sin with his lips".

Shortly after this three of Job's friends came to visit him. When they saw him, do you know what they did? They cried out loud and wept. They tore their clothes and threw dust into the air. Then they sat with Job for 7 days without saying a word. They saw a man who was in tremendous pain, who had lost his family and possessions. Yet in all this, Job did not curse his God. His lips only exalted God and brought honor to His name.

#### **Application**

Children, the third commandment tells not to use the Lord's name in vain, but it is not enough only to keep from using God's name in a foolish or light or empty way. We must also be committed to only using our tongues in a way that honors God. Job had every reason to curse God, to use his tongue in a way that would hurt God's name, but he did not do that. In every way Job used God's name with respect and awe, and if we want to show our love for God we will do the same.

May I ask you a question? Do you love the Lord? If you do then you will always use God's name in a way that shows respect and awe. You will not complain about what he has brought in your life. You will not use His name in an empty manner. You will seek always to lift God's name with your tongue.

There is one more way you honor God's name. You honor His name by living like Jesus. When we who call ourselves Christians live in a loving manner, honor is brought to God's name. For example: if you conduct yourself in school in a loving manner, if you study hard and get good grades, your teachers will be very impressed with your family. They will say your family is a wonderful family. The same is true with God's family. When God's children conduct themselves in a loving way, when they live in a Christ-like manner, others will see and will honor the name of God. In this way we really fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 5**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 4. Remind the children that we fulfill the second commandment when we worship God in spirit and truth. Allow a few children to recite the lesson after reciting it several times with the group. Be sure to leave ample time to learn the new verse.

**2. Explain the verse**

*Psalm 29:2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.*

- What does the word “ascribe” mean? (Perhaps a simple definition is “to give”.)
- What does the Psalmist want us to ascribe to God and how do we do this? (He wants us to ascribe glory to God. We do this by praising God and humbling ourselves before Him.)
- What else does the Psalmist call us to do? (Come before God in holiness in order to worship Him. This assigns glory to God’s name as well.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Flip a coin. Divide your group into two groups. Assign one group to be the “heads” group and the other the “tails”. Practice saying the verse together several times then flip a coin. If it lands on heads, let the heads group recite the verse. If it lands on tails let the tails group say the verse. Repeat this until everyone has the verse memorized well.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What is the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment? (Do not use the name of God in vain.)
2. What was Satan’s reason for coming before God? (He wanted to test Job in hopes that Job would curse God.)
3. How was Job tested? (He lost his family, all his possessions and his health.)
4. How did Job respond to his trials? (He never once sinned with his lips.)
5. How did Job fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment? (His words in every way brought honor to God. He never complained or murmured against God. He only said that God has a right to do as he wishes. He worshipped God and submitted to His will.)
6. How can you fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment? (We can fulfill the 3<sup>rd</sup> commandment by always using God’s name in an honoring way, and by living in such a way that brings glory to God. Certainly that would include living in a loving manner.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

## Year 2 – Lesson 6 – Grades 3-4

### Lesson Focus

**Text: Exodus 16:1-30**

**Q&A: How can Christians fulfill the fourth commandment? Christians can fulfill the fourth commandment by setting aside time to worship God and remember His work.**

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Come to understand that he fulfills the fourth commandment when he sets aside time to worship God and remember His work.
2. Commit to setting aside time both daily and weekly to commune with God.

### Introduction

1. What would you say about a boy (girl) who never had time for his father? Even though his father worked hard to provide for the boy, the boy was too busy to think about all that his dad had done for him or even to give thanks. Even though the father wanted to spend time with the boy, the boy seemed never to have time for the dad. Keeping the boy from spending time with the dad were the baseball games, the school functions, time with friends from school, and a hundred other things. The only time the boy seemed to have contact with the dad was when he wanted something, or if something was going wrong he would come and complain. What would you say about a boy like that? Would you say that he loved his father?

I think if we were honest we might question the boy's love for the father. If you never have time for another person it is obvious that they must not be very important to you. If, however, someone is very important to you, you will do everything possible to make sure you can spend much time with that person. When you get a little older and start to like that special someone, you can count on the fact that you will make time to be with that person.

2. In our lesson today we shall talk about the fourth commandment which really has to do with showing God we love Him. Who can tell me what this commandment tells us? Yes, it commands us to remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. This commandment is the fourth and final commandment that teaches us how we can love the Lord our God.

To help us understand this commandment and how we might fulfill it, I invite you to turn with me to Exodus 16. As I share the story with you try to find out why God gave this commandment to the people and what it might mean for us today.

## Body

1. Background – Our story takes place about one month after the people of Israel were miraculously delivered from the land of Egypt. They had been slaves for over 430 years and their life was very hard. In fact, over the years as the people grew, the ruler of Egypt became fearful of their size and decided to set taskmasters over the people to make their life even more miserable. Gratefully, when the people cried out to God, He heard their cry and delivered them.

2. The people complain - After being delivered from Egypt, God directed the people into the wilderness. He could have lead them right into the promised land to enjoy all the blessings of that land, but He did not do that because He knew the heart of the people. He knew the people were prone to forget Him, so He brought them into the wilderness and allowed them to run out of food.

When this happened the people began to grumble against Moses and Aaron. They said they wished they had died in the land of Egypt. At least there, there were pots of meat and bread to the full. They accused Moses and Aaron of leading them into the wilderness to die of hunger.

3. God answers the people's complaint – God heard the grumbling of the people, so He came to Moses and told Him what He intended to do. Moses then gathered the people. Let's enter into the story at this point, starting with verse 8.

### **Exodus 16:8-12**

*8 Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD."*

*9 Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'"*

*10 While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud.*

*11 The LORD said to Moses, 12 "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'"*

God had heard their grumbling, yet He was patient with them. He told them that at night they would eat meat (quails would come over the camp and be easily taken for food) and in the morning they would be able to gather a sort of "bread from heaven".

4. Moses instructs the people about the manna – The next morning when the dew evaporated from the ground, the people found a fine flake-like thing on the ground. When they saw it, they asked, "What is it?" (In Hebrew the word "what" is "man", thus we get the word manna for this flake-like substance.)

Moses told them that this was the bread that God had given them to eat. Then he gave them some very specific instructions about the bread. Each morning the people were to gather 1 omer full of manna for each person in their house. They were not to try and store up this bread, for it would rot overnight. Each day they needed to gather just enough for that day and trust God for the next day. God wanted it to be this way

because He knew the people were prone to forget Him. If they were able to gather weeks or months worth of manna, they would soon forget the One who miraculously provided it for them.

On the sixth day, the people were supposed to do something different. Instead of gathering enough for only one day, the Lord wanted them to gather enough for two days. God would supply a double portion on that day because He did not want the people collecting on the seventh day or on the Sabbath. The fact was there would be no manna on the ground because the Lord wanted the people to set apart the seventh day as a day in which they would not do any work. We find from other Scriptures that God wanted them to use the day to remember His great works like when He created the world, or when He delivered the people from Egypt, or when He provided for their needs just as He was now doing.

5. God reason for His command – Now why would God provide the manna in this strange way? Our Bible says that it was a test for the people to see if they would obey. Actually it was a test to see if they loved God, because we show our love for God best when we obey Him. If they did not leave the manna overnight, and if they gathered two portions on the sixth day, leaving the seventh day for worship and rest, then they would show by their obedience that they loved God.

I think God had another reason for this, too. Since the people could not gather weeks or months worth of manna, each day they had to wonder if God would provide again. That meant that each day their thoughts would rise toward God. Also on the seventh day, when they stopped their labor, God hoped that their thoughts again would come to Him. God gave them this day of rest so that they could remember how great a God He is; how wonderful His creation is; how marvelous His deliverance is; and how abundant His provision is. God knew that if the people took time to think on Him and His works, that they would be less prone to forget Him and go their own way, which would only lead to destruction.

### **Application**

Did you know that God has given us the Sabbath for our good as well? Too often we can be like the boy at the beginning of our lesson who had so little time for his father. We gladly receive all the gifts our Heavenly Father gives us, but we spend so little time with Him. In fact, the only time we go to Him is when we have a problem, and then we go to complain. If that describes us, would you say that we love God?

That is why God has given us the Sabbath. At least one day a week it is good for us to set aside time to worship God and remember His works. It is good for us to remember that He has created all things including ourselves; that He has saved us from our sin in Jesus Christ; that He has taken such good care of us by providing food, water, shelter, our families and so much more. In fact, it would be good set aside some time each day because there should not be a day that goes by where we do not need to show the Lord that we love Him.

May I ask you a personal question? From your behavior is it clear that you love God? Do you take time to talk with God each day and hear from Him from His Word? Have you made Sundays an extra special day, by setting a larger portion of this day to worship your God?

You know today it is very easy to make Sundays like any other day. When I was a child very few stores were open on Sundays. None of the children's sports teams played either. Today, however, since we have forgotten God, Sunday has become like all the other days. We do whatever we want and give very little thought to the One who has been so good to us. Is that a good way to show God we love Him?

May I challenge you with something? The fact is none of us will want to spend very much time with God until He changes our hearts. Like the people of Israel our hearts are prone to forget God, but when we call on God to cleanse us from sin and make us a new person, then God gives us a new heart. It is then that we sense a new desire to spend more time with God. If you are sensing your need of a new heart, why don't you, right now, talk to God about it. Ask Him to come into your life, to wipe away your sin, and to give you a new heart.

If you are sure that God lives in you, but you know you have neglected God, confess this sin to Him. Then ask God to help you walk with Him every day, and to make Sunday a day of special fellowship.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 6**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lessons 4 and 5. Give each child a chance to recite these lessons. Try to leave enough time for learning the new verse.

**2. Explain the verse**

*Psalm 77:12-13 I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds. Your ways, O God, are holy. What god is so great as our God?*

- What does it mean to meditate? (It means to think about over and over as you try to make something part of your life.)
- What was the Psalmist going to mediate on? Give examples. (God's works and mighty deeds. Anything in creation or our Bible history shouts forth God's works.)
- What did the Psalmist conclude about God as He meditated on His works? (He is holy and there is none like Him.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Add a word: Divide the team into two groups. Have one group say the first word only - then the other team should say that word plus the next word. Each time the team has a turn, they repeat all that has been said previously and add **one word**. Do this several times until the verse is learned.

**Lesson Review Questions**

What is the fourth commandment? (Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.)

Why were the people complaining in this story? (After being delivered from Egypt they were led into the desert where they ran out of food.)

How did God respond to their complaint? (He provided meat at night and a bread called manna in the morning.)

What did God command concerning the manna? (They were to gather on one day's portion for 5 days. On the sixth day they were to gather two days worth, thus allowing the Sabbath to be a day of rest and remembrance.)

Why did God want the people to gather the manna in this unusual way? (He wanted His people not to forget Him. By providing only daily bread, God hoped the people would look to Him each day. By providing a double portion on the sixth day, God hoped the people would use the seventh day for worship and rest.)

How can we fulfill the fourth commandment? (Love would encourage us to set apart time each day, but especially on Sunday to worship the Lord and remember His works.)

Has God changed your heart? Is your heart full of love for God? How are you showing God that you love Him? Do your weekly activities show that He is important to you?

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 7 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Luke 2:39-53, John 19:25-27

**Q&A:** What does the fifth commandment teach me about how I must treat my parents? The fifth commandment teaches me to honor my parents with my obedience and respect.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to tell how Jesus honored His parents by subjecting Himself to them and by caring for them in old age.
2. Commit to honoring his parents especially by giving them obedience and respect.

### Introduction

Who can tell me why Jesus had to come to earth as a human? (Allow for discussion) Most people would say that Jesus had to come to earth in order to die for our sins, and they would be right – but only partially right. Jesus not only came to provide a way for our sins to be wiped away, but He also came to provide a perfect righteousness for us. What this means is that Jesus did what we should have done, but did not do, that is, He kept God's law perfectly. By keeping God's law perfectly He provided for us a perfect standing before the Father.

Now if Jesus kept God's law perfectly (and we believe that He did), then it must be that He kept every one of the ten commandments without fail. It must also mean that He fulfilled the fifth commandment which is the focus of our lesson today. Does anyone know what the fifth commandment is? Yes, it is that we should honor our father and mother.

In today's lesson we want to look at Jesus' life, especially at His relationship to His parents. I encourage you to listen well in order to see what Jesus can teach us about honoring our father and our mother. Turn with me first to Luke 2.

### Body

1. A definition of honor

Before we look at Jesus' life, let me ask you what you think the word "honor" means. (Allow for discussion.) In our Old Testament, from which the fifth commandment comes, the Hebrew meaning for the word includes the idea of considering something weighty or heavy. Now this does not mean that you think someone is overweight. Rather it means that you think someone is very important.

Now if I thought someone was very important how might I treat him? How might I honor him? Certainly I would seek to meet his needs. I would make sure he had food to eat and something to drink. I would make sure he was comfortable. When he spoke I would

be sure to listen well. I would try to do everything in my power to please him. (Allow children to share their ideas about how they might honor someone important to them.)

Now, let's take a look at a couple of instances in Jesus' life where He honored His parents.

## 2. An example of honoring

Our first example takes place when Jesus was 12 years old. He, His parents, and a host of other people had gone to Jerusalem in order to participate in the Feast of Passover. You see every year the people of Israel were supposed to make three trips to Jerusalem to celebrate various feasts. Often they would travel in large groups making their way to Jerusalem, and then afterwards making their way back home.

On this occasion Jesus' parents started on their way back home supposing that Jesus was with their caravan. The truth was that Jesus was not with them for He was in the temple listening and speaking to the teachers. After a day of travel Jesus' parents began to look for Jesus, but they could not find Him. This obviously alarmed them so they started the long journey back to Jerusalem.

After their day's journey they arrived in Jerusalem. The following day they began to look for Jesus. As they searched for Him, they finally found Him in the temple. He again was in the temple listening to the teachers, asking questions and sharing His understandings. When His mother saw Him she said, "Why have you treated us this way? Behold, Your father and I have been anxiously looking for You." Mary was obviously quite shaken up, like any mother would be who thought she had lost her son.

At this statement Jesus looked at His mother and Father and replied, "Why is it that you were looking for Me? Did you know that I had to be in My Father's house?" With these words Jesus was giving His parents a hint of who He was and what His purpose was. This was no ordinary son, this was the Son of God. He said He had to be in His **Father's** house or had to be about His **Father's** business.

Now it is important to realize that this was no ordinary young man here, that this was God in human flesh. It is important to consider this because we will be amazed when we see what Jesus does next. Look with me at verse 51.

**Luke 2:51** *Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart.*

Did you see what Jesus did? Even though He was the Son of God, when His parents bid Him to come, He went with them and was obedient to them. Why would He do that? He did that because He was perfectly fulfilling God's will, and part of that will was the fifth commandment. Jesus obeyed His parents, or in another verse it says that He placed Himself under their authority, as a way of completely doing all of God's will.

This is exactly what all of Jesus' followers will do as well. If you desire to obey and to fulfill the fifth commandment, that is, to honor your parents, than you will make it your business, with God's help, to place yourself under their authority, and to obey them so long as they do not ask you to do something wrong.

May I ask you to evaluate yourself for a moment? Are you honoring your parents in this way? Have you placed yourself under their authority and committed to obey them even

when they tell you to do something that you would rather not do. This is necessary if you will fulfill this commandment.

In another instance Jesus was hanging from the cross. Soldiers had taken Him, nailed his feet and hands to the cross and then hoisted Him up. Prior to that He had been subjected to a scourging (whipping), being hit with a reed, and many other tortures. Needless to say, Jesus was in great pain and very near death. Yet, as He peered out upon those who stood watching His final minutes of life, He spotted His mother. Looking at her He said, "Woman, behold, your son!" He was referring to the Apostle John who was near His mother. Then He looked at John and said, "Behold, your mother!" With these words Jesus was commending His mother into the care of His disciple, John.

Can you imagine that? You are hanging from a cross, bleeding, feeling very weak, yet you take time to make sure that your mother will be well cared for in her old age. Do you think Jesus honored His mother by doing this? He sure did! He considered her so important, that even though He was in great pain, He was thinking of her well-being.

### **Application**

1. Jesus honored His parents. When He was a young child He lived in subjection to them. He placed Himself under their authority and purposed to obey them. Later, when He was older, He honored especially His mother by making sure that she would be well cared for in His absence. Jesus, in every way fulfilled the fifth commandment. He honored His parents even though He Himself was the Son of God.

2. What about you? Are you honoring your parents? Do you consider them very, very, very important? Do you obey them when they ask you to do something? (Give examples like coming to dinner when called, only watching the amount of T.V. your parents have said is acceptable,...) Do you also always speak well of them? Did you know that if you say unkind things about your parents you are not keeping this commandment?

Did you know that God has given you your parents for your own good? God, who is the heavenly Parent (Father), gives some of His authority to your parents, so that they might take care of you for Him. God also expects you to honor your parents by being obedient to them. Are you doing that? You are not fulfilling this commandment unless you are at least doing this.

3. Did you know that even adults are supposed to honor their parents? For as long as you live, God wants you to treat them as if they are very important. As you get older, though, you do not show your honor through obedience, but rather through making sure they are well taken care of. This is something that you need to think of as you get older.

Why don't we all give thanks to God for our parents, and ask God for help to honor them, first with our obedience.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 7**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 6. Recite the answer and verse together several times and then let each child recite it. Do not spend a great deal of time on this. If after completing the rest of this exercise time still remains, then you can review other lessons as well.

**2. Explain the verse**

**Colossians 3:20** *Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.*

- What is this verse commanding children to do? (Obey your parents)
- To what extent are we to obey our parents? (In everything.)
- What might motivate us to do this even when it is hard? (We know that this pleases the Lord.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Echo (Echo) - Divide your group into two teams and tell them you are going to play the echo game. Have one team begin by reciting part of the verse and then have the other side “echo” what they heard. Have the first team make their way all the way through the verse and then switch roles.

**Lesson Review Questions**

What does the word “honor” mean? (It means to consider something to be very important.)

What does the fifth commandment tell us to do? (Honor our father and our mother.)

How did Jesus honor His father and mother? (He placed Himself under their authority when He was young. When He was older He made sure His mother was well cared for.)

Name some ways you can show honor to your parents. (Always obeying them, never speaking badly about them, caring for their needs when they get older.)

When is it hardest for you to honor your parents? (Answers vary) Will you talk to God thanking Him for your parents and asking Him to help you honor them even when it is hard?

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 8 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Psalm 139:13-18, 1 Samuel 25:1-35

**Q&A:** What does the sixth commandment teach me about human life? The sixth commandment teaches me to honor all human life because it is precious and God-given.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Come to understand why it is important to honor all human life.
2. Commit to honoring and promoting life with all his thoughts, words, and deeds.

### Introduction

1. (Place a plant before the children.) If you wanted to promote the life of this plant, what could you do? (Allow for discussion) Certainly giving the plant water, sun, and food would be a good start. You might also wash the plant to get little bugs off of it that might do damage to the plant.

Now if you wanted to promote the death of this plant, or in other words murder the plant, what could you do? (Again allow for discussion.) Surely keeping water from the plant, or placing it in the shade might slowly kill the plant. Knocking the plant off the table and stepping on it might contribute to its death as well.

I hope you can see from our discussion that the way we treat this plant will either promote its life or it will promote its death.

2. The sixth commandment, the topic of today's lesson, is about promoting life, not of plants, but of human beings. Who can tell me what this command says? (You shall not murder.) Thus God commands us not to promote death or murder, but instead we are to promote life.

3. In our story today we will learn of a godly man who almost broke this commandment. Let's see why he was tempted to do so, and then let's try to find out why he would have been very wrong to do so. Turn with me first to 1 Samuel 25.

### Body

1. David's request rebuffed by Nabal

Our story takes place in the latter days of King Saul. He had disobeyed the Lord and had been rejected by God from being king. God chose David to be the next king, but Saul was not happy about this, so he chased David around the countryside trying to kill him. All David and his band of men could do was flee from Saul and try to find places of refuge.

One of those places of safety that David and his men found was in a place called Carmel. At this place a rich man named Nabal and his servants cared for 3000 sheep

and 1000 goats. David and his men behaved themselves quite well around Nabal's servants and flocks, providing protection and never taking anything that wasn't theirs. David and his men really were a great help to Nabal because there were always people roaming the countryside ready to steal the belongings of others.

One day David heard that Nabal was shearing his sheep. He thought this was a good time to ask Nabal for a little payment in return for the protection he and his men had provided. So David sent several of his men to ask for a few provisions for an upcoming festival. Let's look together at Nabal's response to David's request. Look at verse 9.

**1 Samuel 25:9-11** *9 When David's men arrived, they gave Nabal this message in David's name. Then they waited. 10 Nabal answered David's servants, "Who is this David? Who is this son of Jesse? Many servants are breaking away from their masters these days. 11 Why should I take my bread and water, and the meat I have slaughtered for my shearers, and give it to men coming from who knows where?"*

When the men heard this message they immediately went back to David and shared it with them. Now if you were David, how would you have responded? Well, David was very upset. He told his men to put on their swords, and he started to go up to Nabal's house. Do you think he had the promoting of life on his mind at this time?

#### B. Abigail's intervention

While David and his men were making their way back to Nabal's place, one of Nabal's servants who heard what Nabal had said, hurried off to find Abigail, Nabal's wife. When he found Abigail he shared how horribly Nabal had responded to David's request, even though David and his men had been so good to him. He urged Abigail to do something quickly before David and his men arrived. This was good advice because as David traveled closer, it seemed he got angrier and angrier. He even pledged to make sure that by the next morning not one male would be living in all Nabal's household.

When Abigail heard this, she got to work without wasting a moment. She collected 200 loaves of bread, two jugs of wine, five sheep, five measures of roasted grain, a hundred clusters of raisins, and two cakes of figs, and loaded them on some donkeys. Then she hurriedly drove them in the direction David was coming.

#### C. Abigail and David meet

When Abigail finally saw David, she got off her donkey, and fell on her face before David. She asked that all blame be placed on her. She begged David not to listen to the voice of her foolish husband. She said she was not present when David's servants made their request. She asked that David forgive her and to accept the gifts she had brought to him. Finally, she suggested that it would be good for David not to shed blood or try to avenge himself, because this might be a source of grief for him when the Lord made him king.

Now, why would this be a source of grief for David? Nabal had treated him very unkindly. Didn't he deserve to lose his life? Didn't David have a right to avenge himself?

#### D. God, the giver of life

The fact is David did not have a right to avenge himself. He had no right to take the life of another man in this situation. The reason for this is because God is the giver of life, and as giver of life, He alone has the right to take life.

Turn with me to David's own words in Psalm 139. Let's read verses 13-18.

**Psalm 139:13-18**

*13 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

*14 I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.*

*15 My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.*

*When I was woven together in the depths of the earth,*

*16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.*

*17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them!*

*18 Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.*

*When I awake, I am still with you.*

Do you see what David is saying here? He is saying that God is the Creator of life. Even while we are in our mother's womb, God is the One forming our bodies and our souls. Though we are hidden from the view of men while we grow in our mother's tummy, we are not hidden from God, for we are the very work of His hands. The fact is human life is God's idea; it is His creation, and besides that, it is very precious to him. David said that God's thoughts about us outnumber the sand. Would you think so much about something that wasn't precious to you?

Thus, Abigail was suggesting that David would regret avenging himself, because human life is precious to God and given by God. It is only His right to take it! Would David heed Abigail's words?

E. David responds to Abigail

Apparently David was moved by Abigail's plea. Listen to how he responds.

**1 Samuel 25:32-35**

*32 David said to Abigail, "Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, who has sent you today to meet me. 33 May you be blessed for your good judgment and for keeping me from bloodshed this day and from avenging myself with my own hands. 34 Otherwise, as surely as the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, who has kept me from harming you, if you had not come quickly to meet me, not one male belonging to Nabal would have been left alive by daybreak."*

35 Then David accepted from her hand what she had brought him and said, "Go home in peace. I have heard your words and granted your request."

David was kept from breaking the sixth commandment, but that was a close call. Do you know what happened just 10 days later after this decision? The Bible says the God struck down Nabal and he died. God, the giver of life, had the right to take life and did when He thought it appropriate. I am sure David was exceedingly glad he did not break the sixth commandment.

## **Application**

1. Do any of you struggle with anger? It is a terrible problem to have because it often results in us promoting death instead of life. For most of us that does not mean that we go out and kill people, but it does mean that we do other things that lessen the lives of people around us. For example, sometimes when we are angry we say hurtful words, or we might do something mean, or we might even hit someone with our hands. Do you know that when we do these things we are really breaking the sixth commandment, because at these times we are not promoting the life of the other person.

2. Well, if we fulfill this commandment by promoting the life of others around us, how do we do this? A simple way is to make sure the words you say and the actions you do all have the goal of building up the other person. Kind words, words of love, kind acts, loving deeds all promote the life of others around us and fulfill God's sixth commandment.

But there is something you must know: by nature you will not want to build others up. By nature you will want to build yourself up and tear others down. The reason for this is that we have a sinful heart, and until God changes our hearts we will be more likely to break the command than to fulfill it.

Has God given you a new heart? Have you come to Jesus confessing your sinful heart asking Him for power to do His will? If you have never done that, and you sense God is urging you to right now, then talk to God in prayer.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 8**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 7. Give each child an opportunity to recite this lesson. Be sure to leave ample time for learning the new verse.

**2. Explain the verse**

**Romans 12:10** *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*

- What does it mean to be devoted to one another? (It means to love one another dearly.)
- What does the word “honor” mean? (It means to consider very important.)
- How much should we honor others? (We should honor them above ourselves.)
- Give an example of what it might mean to honor someone above yourselves? (Answers vary.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Group response - Divide your team into three groups. Divide the verse into three sections and assign a section to each group. Have each group then read their part in sequence. Read through the verse this way covering up one section at a time. Then repeat the process switching the lines to be read. Finally have the whole group recite the whole verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

What is the sixth commandment? (You shall not murder.)

Why was David tempted to break the sixth commandment? (After protecting Nabal's flocks and servants, David was mistreated by Nabal who was ungrateful.)

What did Abigail do that helped David change his mind? (She gathered many goods and went to meet David. Then she pled with David suggesting that he would regret it if he carried out his plans to take the life of others.)

Why was it wrong for David to take the lives of others? What did Psalm 139 suggest? (God is the giver of all life. He forms each person while in the womb. Life is precious to God and given by Him.)

Is it possible to break the sixth commandment without actually murdering someone? (Yes, any time we speak, act or think in a way that diminishes the life of others, we are breaking this commandment.)

How can we fulfill the sixth commandment? (Use our words and deeds to promote the life of others or to build them up.)

Is it possible to keep the sixth commandment in one's own strength? (No, by nature we desire to promote our own life and often harm others in the process. We need a new heart – God's power for living in a loving way.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 9 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Genesis 2:18-24, Matthew 19:3-8

**Q&A:** What does the seventh commandment teach me about marriage? The seventh commandment teaches me that marriage is a sacred promise between one man and one woman for as long as they live.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Understand God's design for marriage, that a man and a woman are to be united by covenant for life.
2. Pray for all marriages, especially those that are troubled or broken.

### Introduction

Our lesson today may be a difficult one for some of you, but it is a very important one. Let's pray and ask God to help us understand what His will is concerning marriage. (Take a moment to pray.)

How many of you have had a divorce in your immediate family? How many of you have had a divorce in your extended family or among your relatives? How many of you know someone, perhaps in your neighborhood or at your school, whose parents have divorced? Probably most of us have in some way been touched by divorce.

The sad fact is that one of every two marriages in our country ends in divorce, and the consequences are often very painful. They are painful for moms and dads going through it, but they are also very painful for the children who are watching it happen.

An important question to ask is: Is this what God intends for marriage? It is His will that we break our marriages? People today seem to have many opinions about this. Our government officials have passed laws saying that it **is** acceptable to divorce, sometimes just because we want to. How do we know what is correct?

### Body

1. The divorce controversy and question Matthew 19:3

It is interesting that in the days of Jesus there was also a controversy about divorce. One group who followed a leader named Shammai said that divorce was not acceptable unless the woman had committed something "grossly indecent", like committing adultery, which is running off with someone else's husband. Another group who followed a leader named Hillel was quite a bit broader with their rules. They said that a man could divorce his wife for a lot of reasons. Some reasons that the rabbis gave included: she spoiled the dinner, she went around with her hair unbound, she talked with other men in the streets, she spoke disrespectfully about her husband's parents,

her loud voice could be heard in the next house, or just because the man had his eye on another woman who was prettier.

One day some of the religious rulers decided to take advantage of this controversy by asking Jesus what He thought about it. I believe they hoped that Jesus would say something contrary to the Law of Moses, or at least say something that would turn many people against him. Let's look together at Matthew 19:3 to see what they asked Jesus.

2. Jesus answers the controversial question 19:4-6

**Matthew 19:3** *Some Pharisees came to him to test him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"*

The rulers wanted to know if it was all right to divorce one's wife for **any** reason at all. What would Jesus say? Let's read on.

**Matthew 19:4-5** *"Haven't you read," he replied, "that at the beginning the Creator 'made them male and female,' 5 and said, 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh'?"*

Do you know what Jesus was referring to when He said, "Haven't you read..."? He was referring to the book of Genesis. In the first chapter, the 27<sup>th</sup> verse, it says that "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Later, in the second chapter, after a section that describes God creating Eve from one of Adam's ribs and bringing her to him because among the animals no suitable helper could be found, we find the exact words quoted by Jesus.

What did Jesus mean by this? He was saying that to answer their question it was necessary to look at what God originally intended. When Adam was by Himself, God said it was not good. So he made from Adam, a suitable helper – Eve. From the one He made two; one male and one female. Then He said that a man should leave his father and mother, cleave or stick like glue to a woman, and that the two should become one.

Well, what was meant by that? What does it mean to cleave to a woman, and for two to become one? Jesus answers this in the next verse. Look at verse 6.

**Matthew 19:6** *So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."*

Do you see what Jesus was saying? God's original intent is that He would bring two people together (a man and a woman) and make them one in marriage, and that they would remain that way until death. No man, no court, no government was to separate them, for this was not God's will.

3. The Pharisee's objection 19:7

When the Pharisee's heard Jesus' answer, they thought they had him. They thought He was guilty of saying something against the Law of Moses. Let's look at their objection.

**Matthew 19:7** *"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"*

With these words the Pharisees were referring to something Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 24. They had understood it as commanding that when a man wanted to get rid of his wife all he had to do was give her a certificate of divorce and send her away. They were suggesting that what Jesus was saying was contradicting what Moses

said, and if Jesus contradicted Moses, He certainly couldn't claim to be the One sent from God.

#### 4. Jesus' rebuttal 19:8-9

Jesus, however, was not taken back by their objection. Let's look at verse 8-9 to see His reply.

**Matthew 19:8-9** *Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. 9 I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."*

Jesus told the Pharisees that Moses permitted, not commanded, men to divorce their wives, only because their hearts were hard, but that was not God's original intention for marriage. In fact, Jesus told them that if a man divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another, he has committed adultery.

Now wait a minute – does that make sense? Isn't a man no longer married to a woman after he has divorced her? Isn't he then able to go find another wife? How could finding another wife when you are no longer married be considered adultery? Isn't adultery possible only when you are married? The fact is God does not recognize the divorce. Just because a court says it is acceptable to send your wife away, does not mean that God agrees, and it is God's opinion that matters. Jesus is saying here that a man who divorces his wife is still married to her in God's eyes because He does not accept the divorce. In fact, the Bible says God hates divorce. And when a man who has divorced his wife marries another, he is committing adultery, because in God's eyes he is still married to his first wife.

#### **Application**

1. Children, marriage is God's idea. He brings a man and woman together, and He makes them one. They are like two sheets of paper that have been glued together, which cannot be divided except with great damage to both. It is God's will that they stay together, loving each other as Jesus loved them, for the rest of their lives. As the answer to our question states, "Marriage is a sacred promise between one man and one woman for as long as they live."

2. I heard of a father who at a very special occasion of his son's stood before others and said the following: "I am committed to your mother. I will love her all the days of my life. I will be faithful to her. I will never leave her or forsake her." Isn't that a great thing to say about your wife before your son! It would be equally great for a mother to say that as well. And do you know what this man was really doing? He was fulfilling the seventh commandment which simply states, "Do not commit adultery". This man was saying that he not only intended never to desert his wife, but he was also saying that he would commit himself to loving her all the days of his life.

Note: At the end of this lesson take time to pray for marriages, that God would help more people stay true to their marriage promise all the days of their life.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 9**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 8. Give a few children a chance to recite this lesson, then recite it as a group. Do not spend a great deal of time on this.

**2. Explain the verse**

**Genesis 2:24** *For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.*

- What does a man need to do before being united to his wife? (He must leave his father and mother.)
- When a man and woman marry what do they become? (One flesh)
- What does it mean that a man and woman become one flesh? (It means they are no longer two in God's eyes, but are one. God mysteriously makes them one and they should no longer live as two separate people.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Cover a word - Write the verse on the chalkboard. Recite it a couple of times together. Then take 2 pieces of tagboard and cover two of the words in the verse. Have a child recite the verse. If he recites it correctly allow him to cover two new words and repeat the process. Give several children a chance to do this. Work on the verse until everyone has it mastered.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What was the big controversy in Jesus' day about divorce? (They wondered for what reason a man could divorce his wife.)
2. What question did the Pharisees ask of Jesus? (Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any reason at all.)
3. How did Jesus answer this question? (He said that God puts a man and woman together and that no man should separate them.)
4. Did the Pharisees accept this answer? (No, they argued that Moses commanded them to give their wives a certificate of divorce when they wanted to send them away.)
5. How did Jesus respond to this? (He said that Moses only permitted this, but this was never God's intention.)
6. How can it be said that a divorced man commits adultery by marrying another woman? (God does not recognize the divorce, thus, when a man marries again, at that point, he is breaking his original marriage vow.)
7. How can a man or woman fulfill the 7<sup>th</sup> commandment? (By remaining faithful to his marriage promise all the days of his life. Also, by loving his spouse every day until death.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 10 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Acts 20:17-35

**Q&A:** How can we fulfill the eighth commandment? We fulfill the eighth commandment when we use what we've honestly earned for the honor of God and the good of our neighbor.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to share how the Apostle Paul fulfilled the eighth commandment.
2. Commit to using his resources as God's steward bringing honor to God and good to his neighbor.

### Introduction

1. Who can tell me what the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment is? Yes, this commandment states that we should not steal. What does it mean "to steal"? Can you give me some examples of ways that children your age are tempted to steal? (Examples may include: stealing the proverbial cookie from the cookie jar, taking a friend's baseball card that you really like without letting them know it, not returning something your friend loaned you because you would really like to have it, taking some candy from a store without paying for it,..)

Now who can tell me what is wrong with stealing. Why does God command us not to do it? What problems are created when people steal? Many things can be said about stealing, but the most important is that it is not loving. Stealing is **taking** from other people what is rightfully theirs. Love gives while stealing takes and God calls us to love our neighbor. Stealing also makes it hard for us to trust one another. If you knew your neighbor was a thief would you trust him? You would probably install locks on everything you owned. Maybe you would install cameras all around your house as well. At any rate, a society where there is a lot of stealing, isn't a great place to live.

2. But is it enough just not to steal? Are we really fulfilling the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment if we stop stealing? From our past lessons we have said that it is not enough just **not** to do what the commandment forbids us to do. We must also do what love requires in this area. How do you think love would have us fulfill this commandment? (Allow for discussion without offering comment.)

3. In today's lesson we shall look at some things the Apostle Paul told some people he loved very much. As we consider what Paul said, let's be looking for ways Paul fulfilled this commandment. Turn your Bibles to Acts 20:17 and let's see what we can learn.

### Body

1. The Apostle Paul, before he became a Christian, was a very proud man. He worked hard to be recognized by others. He wanted to be known as one of the most religious

people around. The problem was that Paul was mostly concerned about himself. He really wasn't loving his neighbor. He really wasn't pleasing to God.

One day, however, God changed Paul. Jesus met Paul on the road to Damascus, and from that day on Paul was not the same. He was no longer concerned only for himself, but he really loved others.

One of the things Paul did to show his love for others was to travel to many places in order to tell them about the Lord Jesus. He had been changed so greatly by Jesus that he wanted everyone else to know Him. One amazing thing about Paul was that he did not care what it cost him to do this. He so badly wanted others to know his Lord.

2. On Paul's third journey, he came to a place named Miletus. He called the leaders of the church in Ephesus to come and join him. They quickly came. Then Paul told the leaders some things that were on his heart. Paul knew that he probably would never see them again, so he wanted to leave them some final instructions. Look at verse 18-21 to begin.

**Acts 20:18-21** *When they arrived, he said to them: "You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. 19 I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews. 20 You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. 21 I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

Paul began by reminding these men of his ministry. He told them how he served them by preaching to them about turning to God in repentance and having faith in the Lord Jesus. He said he did this with tears and even had to endure many trials by the Jews. Paul does not describe those trials here, but we know that Paul was beaten with rods, threatened, whipped (5 times), put in prison, and stoned all because he was preaching the gospel. Do you sense the great love Paul had for these people? Let's look on.

**Acts 20:22-24** *"And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. 23 I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. 24 However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace.*

Did you catch what Paul was saying? He said he was on his way to Jerusalem, and even though the Spirit had warned him that great difficulty was ahead, he said that would not stop him. Paul lived for one thing and that was to do the ministry that the Lord had given him to do. No sacrifice, no difficulty would deter him. He was a man who was motivated by the love of God.

3. Further on in Paul's speech he tells the leaders of Ephesus to make sure that they cared for the people in their church. He warns them that they must protect their people from others who would seek to destroy them. He also pointed these leaders to the Word of God which would help them grow in God's grace and knowledge. Finally, Paul reminds them of his personal example. It is here that we really see how Paul fulfilled the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment. As I read verses 33-35 try to determine how Paul fulfilled this commandment.

**Acts 20:33-35** *I have not coveted anyone's silver or gold or clothing. 34 You yourselves know that these hands of mine have supplied my own needs and the needs of my companions. 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'*"

How did Paul fulfill the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment? (Allow the children to offer suggestions, then summarize.)

- First of all, he coveted no one's silver, gold, or clothing. He did not, in his heart, desire what another man had. Not only did he not steal from others, but he also did not even desire what they had.
- Secondly, Paul worked hard to supply his own needs. Paul, as an apostle, had a right to receive food and lodging from these people, but he refused to demand it. He was too in love with God and these people to put them out in any way. He only wanted to give to them the good news of Jesus Christ.
- Thirdly, Paul not only worked to supply his own needs but he also worked to supply the needs of the men who traveled and worked with him. Paul was not concerned just for his own needs, but was always looking out for the needs of others. In fact, he told the leaders that they must work hard so as to be able to help the weak.

### **Application**

You know as I look at the life of Paul I have to ask, "What made him so loving?" , "What made him able to keep preaching the gospel even though he was being mistreated?", and more importantly because it is most related to our lesson "What caused Paul to work so tirelessly, so that he wouldn't be a burden on these people?"

I think the answer to these questions is all the same. Paul had been changed by God. God had come into his life and given Him a new heart. Now Paul in everything he did wanted to show the love of God. That's why even though he could have taken food, clothing and shelter from these people, he did not do it. God had made him a giver. God had made him more like His Son who said it is more blessed to give than to receive, and who showed it in His life, especially when he went to the cross.

Has God changed your life? Has He come into your life and made you a giver instead of a taker? If He has then you will be becoming more and more like Paul who himself was growing to be more like His Lord, Jesus. You will not give in to the desire to steal or take what does not belong to you, but instead you will be willing to work hard in order to meet your needs and the needs of others around you.

If God has not yet changed your life – if you sense that you are still a taker and not a giver, then go to God. Tell Him that you are a sinner, that you have a selfish heart, and that you too often try to use others for what you want. Confess this to God as sin. Ask Him to forgive you and to give you a new heart of love. Then, by His strength begin to look for ways to be a lover of others, especially in the area of your money and possessions.

Optional: If time permits, ask the children if the following statements fulfill the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment or not.

- You take a piece of candy from your friends lunch when he is away from the table.

- You work hard in order to meet your own needs.
- You want your parents to give you extra allowance without having to do any extra chores.
- You use up all of your allowance on things you want for yourself.
- You do some extra jobs around the house in order to earn money to give to the mission project at church.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 10**

**1. Review**

Review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 9. Give each child a chance to fuller recite this lesson.

**2. Explain the verse**

***Ephesians 4:28*** *He who has been stealing / must steal no longer, / but must work, / doing something useful with his own hands, / that he may have something to share with those in need.*

- What are we told in this verse to stop doing? (We must stop stealing.)
- What are we told in this verse to do instead of stealing? (We are to work with our hands and provide for our own needs.)
- When we work are we to work only to meet our own needs? (No, we must work to meet our needs and to have something to share with those in need.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Contrast - Divide the verse into phrases (this is done for you above). Have the class say the first phrase loudly, the second phrase softly. Keep alternating all through the verse. Then try a new contrast. Alternate between having the children sit for a phrase and stand for a phrase. If you wish try the contrast between quickly and slowly. Caution: be sure children exercise respect for the Word of God as they participate in this exercise.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. What was Paul like before becoming a Christian? (He was a proud man who sought to be lifted up in the eyes of others. He used others for his own profit.)
2. How was Paul different after he came to trust in Christ? (He became a lover of others. He lived to tell others about Christ even though this cost him greatly.)
3. What is it that made such a change in Paul's life? (God had entered his life and gave him a new heart. Really it was the presence of Christ within him.)
4. How did Paul fulfill the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment? (He did not desire what other men had. He worked hard to meet his own needs and the needs of others around him.)
5. How can someone your age fulfill the 8<sup>th</sup> commandment? (Seek to give rather than receive. Work to meet your own needs. Look for ways to use what you have to help others.)
6. In order to live as a giver rather than as a taker, what will have to happen in your life? (God will have to come into my life, forgive my sins, and give me a new heart.)
7. When we are givers and not takers, whose example are we really following? Explain your answer. (We are following Jesus who gave His life for us receiving nothing in return.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 11 – Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text:** Acts 6:8 – 7:60

**Q&A:** What does the ninth commandment teach me about telling the truth? The ninth commandment teaches me that I should speak only the truth in a loving way.

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Be able to tell how the ninth commandment was broken and fulfilled in the story.
2. Commit to always speaking the truth in love.

### Introduction

1. How would you like it if someone told lies about you? How would you like it if that person told lies about you in order to make you look foolish in the eyes of others, partly because they were jealous of you? For example:

- ◆ How would you feel if after winning the school science fair, one of the students said your parents should get the award because they did all the work? How would you feel if what they said was not true at all?
- ◆ How would you feel if after getting the best grade in the class, one of the students accused you of cheating? How would you feel if that were not true at all?
- ◆ How would you feel if after scoring the winning goal, one of the other players accused you of always hogging the ball? How would you feel if that was not really the case?
- ◆ How would you feel if after becoming best friends with someone, another person told that person lies about you because he wanted to be more popular than you?

Probably in each of these cases you would be very upset. You might even feel hurt because your character was being attacked. That's what bearing false witness does and that is why God included a commandment dealing with telling lies about others among the Ten Commandments. Whenever we tell lies or partial truths about another person in an effort to harm their character, we sin and we do great harm to that person whom we are commanded by God to love.

2. In our story today we are going to look at a man named Stephen. As we look at his life I want you to notice who in the story breaks the ninth commandment, that is, who bears false witness, and then find out who in the story fulfills the ninth commandment by speaking the truth in love. Turn with me to Acts 6 as we begin.

## Body

### 1. Stephen's excellent character and works

Our story takes place after the death, resurrection and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. It also takes place after God sent the Holy Spirit upon the first century Christians enabling them to spread the good news in amazing ways.

These were exciting times. People were coming to Jesus by the thousands, but these days were not without difficulty. One problem that arose had to do with the widows who were daily served food. Some of the widows thought they were not getting the same treatment as other widows.

In order to solve this problem the leaders of the church appointed seven men to take care of these widows. One of these men was Stephen. He was well respected among the people. The Bible describes him in 6:5 as a man "full of faith and the Holy Spirit". In 6:8 it describes him as "full of God's grace and power, who did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people." Stephen was truly an extraordinary man. Not only was he loving (we was willing to serve these needy widows), but he was also a very God-filled man who had great speaking abilities and even had the ability to perform miracles. I am sure God used this man's words and deeds to draw many people to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### 2. Stephen falsely accused by the Freedmen

Now not everybody was pleased with Stephen. Some considered him a threat. As a result, they tried to argue with him, but try as they might, they were unable to disprove the things he taught about Jesus. God's Spirit gave Stephen such wisdom that that they were unable to make him look foolish.

Since they could not defeat Stephen in this way, they tried another way. They tried to find men who would tell lies about Stephen, saying that Stephen spoke words of blasphemy against God and Moses. Having found men to do this, they went around spreading these lies. When the people and some of their leaders heard these lies, they seized Stephen and brought him before the Sanhedrin, which was the court in their day. Before the court, these men continued to bear false witness concerning Stephen saying that he never stops speaking against the temple and the law of Moses, claiming that Jesus said He would destroy the temple and change the customs Moses handed down to the people of Israel.

### 3. Stephen defends his message

Now when the high priest heard these accusations (all of which were false and were designed to hurt Stephen), he asked Stephen if these things were true. At this point Stephen began to speak.

In his reply Stephen rehearsed the history of the people of Israel beginning with Abraham and eventually ending with Jesus. As he went through their history he showed how over and over again they resisted God's Spirit.

- ◆ When God had chosen Joseph for a special job, his other brothers in jealousy sold him as a slave into Egypt. As it turned out, however, God later used this for the good of His people.

- ◆ Another time when Moses was about 40 he saw two of his Israelite brothers fighting. When he tried to stop them, assuming they would recognize that God was using him to deliver them from slavery in Egypt, they turned on him, which sent Moses fleeing into the wilderness.
- ◆ Later, when Moses returned to Egypt and was finally used by God to deliver the people from their slavery, the people again turned on Moses and were determined to return to Egypt. They formed a golden calf and offered sacrifices, again rejecting the worship of the one true God.
- ◆ Still later when the prophets came to confront the people with their sins, the people rejected what they had to say, even putting to death some of those who were only delivering a message from God.

At the end of his speech, Stephen speaks some very hard words, but every one of them was true. Look at verses 51- 53 with me.

**Acts 7:51-53** *“You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! 52 Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him— 53 you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”*

Stephen spoke words of truth to them. He spoke words they needed to hear, and he spoke them even though he risked his own life in speaking them.

#### 4. Stephen’s final testimony

When the people heard these words, the Bible tells us that they were furious. So angry were they that they gnashed their teeth at him. Then Stephen looked into heaven and he saw the glory of God. He saw Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Upon seeing this he said, “Look, I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God”.

When the crowd heard this they covered their ears, yelled at the top of their voices, and rushed at him. They grabbed him, dragged him outside the city and began to hurl stones at him. But even amidst the rocks hitting him, Stephen prayed. He asked God to receive his spirit, and if you can believe it, he asked God to forgive those who committed this sin against him. Then Stephen died.

#### **Application**

1. Who can tell me who in this story broke the ninth commandment, that is, who bore false witness? Yes, those men who spoke lies against Stephen broke this commandment.

Who can tell me why it is wrong to do this? How did it affect Stephen? When we speak lies about another we harm them a great deal. We attack their person and their character. In Stephen’s case, these lies led to his death. In short we can see how very unloving it is to lie about other people, especially when we do it out of jealousy.

2. Who can tell me who in this story fulfilled the ninth commandment? This is a little harder question, but is an important one since we have been saying how important it is not only not to do what the commandment forbids, but also to do what love would tell us to do in order to keep the commandment. Does anyone have a guess?

Yes, Stephen fulfilled the commandment when he spoke the truth to his hearers even though he knew it could cost him his life. Now if you only look at his words, you may wonder if Stephen spoke in a loving way. He did call them stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart. But if you look at his actions, especially asking God to forgive them, you know Stephen spoke these hard words in a loving way. He wanted them to know the truth so that they would repent and come to the knowledge of the Lord Jesus.

3. What about you? What are your words like? Do you lie about another because you are jealous of them? Do you tell half-truths about people hoping to tarnish their reputation so that you look better in others eyes? Do you often use your tongue to tear down others instead of building them up? If this is true of you, it only shows that you have need of a new heart. You have need for God to come into your life and make you new. Won't you come to God today, confessing your sinfulness, asking Him to forgive you and make you new?!

Do you know when you do this, and when God comes into your life, that you will be a new person? Not only will you stop speaking evil against your neighbor, but you will also begin speaking words of truth to them that will help them come to know and live for God in a better way. Is this coming to be more and more true of you? Are you more and more apt to speak truthful words which build up your neighbor? If it is true, it is a sign of God's Spirit in you. It is a reason for great rejoicing!

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 11**

**1. Review**

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 10. Give each child an opportunity to recite this lesson. When this has been completed begin to work on lesson 11.

**2. Explain the verse**

**Proverbs 12:22** *The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful.*

- ◆ What is it that this verse says the Lord detests or hates? (Lying lips)
- ◆ What is it that this verse says the Lord delights in or loves? (Men who are truthful)
- ◆ Why do you think God hates liars, but loves truthful men? (God, by character is truthful and wants His creatures to be the same. God knows that truth promotes good in others, whereas lies promotes their destruction.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Fill in the blank - Write the complete verse on the board and recite it several times with the children. Next erase 3-4 words and recite the verse again. Replace the erased words and erase 3-4 new words and recite the verse again. Do this until all students have mastered the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. How does the book of Acts describe Stephen's character? (He was full of God, the Holy Spirit, grace and power.)
2. Why were some people not pleased with Stephen? (They were jealous of him since many were coming to Christ. They also did not like his message which centered in Jesus.)
3. Who in the story broke the ninth commandment? How? (The members of the synagogue of the Freedmen spread lies about Stephen/)
4. Who in the story fulfilled the ninth commandment? How? (Stephen spoke the truth to the people who sought to persecute him, even though he knew it might cost him his life.)
5. How do you know Stephen spoke these "hard" words in a loving way? (He asked the Lord to forgive them even though they were stoning him.)
6. What did Stephen hope would be the result of the words he spoke? (He hoped these people would repent and come to true faith in Jesus.)
7. What should always be true of the words of a true Christian? (They should always be truthful and designed to benefit others.)
8. What was it about Stephen that made him, especially his words, so different? (He had God's Spirit living and working in him.)

# LOGOS Kids Club

Year 2 – Lesson 12– Grades 3-4

## Lesson Focus

**Text: Genesis 3:1-8**

**Q&A: What does the tenth commandment teach me about contentment? The tenth commandment teaches me to be happy with whatever God chooses to give me.**

**Objectives:** By God's grace each child will

1. Come to understand the importance of being content as the most important way of fulfilling the tenth commandment.
2. Give thanks to God for all He has given, resting in His ability to provide exactly what is needed for each day.

### Introduction

1. Have you ever observed the following scene at Christmas time? The Christmas tree is surrounded with gifts. One by one they are opened. It takes a long time to do so because there are so many. One young child is showered by many gifts. In fact, he has numerous boxes surrounding him showing the great love that has been displayed to him by his family. Yet at the end of the gift opening, instead of thanking each person for his wonderful gift, the young child inquires, "Is that all there is? Don't I get any more presents?"

Have you ever observed this at Christmas time? Even though this child was provided with many gifts, he appeared not to be satisfied. He wanted more. He was not content with what his family had provided for him. Have you ever observed this? Have you ever been guilty of it?

2. Did you know that this is exactly the way your parents acted? No, I am not talking about your dad and mom, but I am talking about our first parents, Adam and Eve. Even though God had provided them with everything they could have ever wanted, they were still not satisfied. They were not content.

3. Sadly, this trait of our parents, Adam and Eve, has been passed on to all of their children, including you and I. God has promised to provide us with all we really need, but we do not respond well to this. We rarely show our thankfulness, and too often we express the fact that we are not content; that we want more.

4. In our lesson today we will be looking at the tenth commandment which teaches us not to covet. To do this we shall look at the story concerning our first parents, Adam and Eve. We shall see what led them to covet, and then we shall share what they and we should consider that will help us remain content and thus, not only not break but fulfill the commandment. Turn with me to Genesis 3.

## Body

### 1. God's great provision for Adam and Eve

In the opening chapters of our Bible we see God creating all things. He creates the heavens and the earth, the light and the darkness, the land and the sea, the light to rule the day and the one to rule the night, the animals of the air and sea, and also the animals of the land. Everything God creates is good and wonderful.

At the end of God's creative work, He finally makes man who is God's greatest work. This man He makes in the very image of God, and commissions him to rule the earth. As one reads the text one gets the sense that God has made all the other things to be well suited for man, to provide the perfect environment for man.

Beyond all this wonderful provision for man, God gives His most excellent gift. He gives Himself. Man is invited to enjoy fellowship with this God who walks among them in the garden. What a wonderful gift God has given to man! How marvelously He has provided man with everything he needed! The only requirement was that they do not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. God had given man everything he really needed, and had only kept from them what would do them harm. Adam and Eve needed to trust God in this and show their trust by obeying God's one small command.

### 2. Adam and Eve are tempted

For a time Adam and Eve enjoyed God and all He had provided for them. God had really given them all they really needed. But one day the serpent came and challenged this idea. Let's look at what happened in 3:1-3.

**Genesis 3:1-3** *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"*

Did you see how the serpent tried to make Eve stumble? He brought doubt to her mind. He said, "Did God really say...?" He also exaggerated what God commanded. He asked if God said they shouldn't eat from **any** tree in the garden.

Now Eve's response was good. She corrected the serpent and said that God provided all the trees for food, except for the one in the middle. This tree they should not eat from or even touch, for they would die if they did. Unfortunately, the serpent didn't give up after Eve's good response. Let's read on.

**Genesis 3:4-5** *"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

This time the serpent out and out lied. In fact he was calling God a liar. He said that they would not die if they ate from the tree in the middle of the garden. The serpent then explained that the reason God told them not to eat from this tree was because He knew if they did, they would become like God. In other words, the serpent suggested that God was keeping something good from them. He had lied about their dying because He didn't want them to become like Him.

Do you know, children, that this is the way Satan always works with us? He first brings doubt into our lives, and then He suggests to us that God is keeping something good or desirable from us. He tells us that nothing bad will come to us if we chase after what God has forbidden us to have. Would Adam and Eve fall for this? Let's read on.

### 3. Adam and Eve fall

**Genesis 3:6-8** *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*

After hearing the serpent's lies, Eve began to wonder about God. She looked at the fruit of the tree and saw it was good for food and that it was pleasing to the eyes. She also thought about the wisdom she might gain if she took the fruit and ate. Do you know what Eve was doing at this time as she gazed at the fruit with desire? Yes, she was coveting. She was desiring what God had not given to her to have.

Sadly, Eve gave in. She took the fruit and ate, and then she gave to her husband and he ate. Did they benefit from their disobedience? At that moment the Bible says that both of their eyes were opened. They realized they were naked and quickly made coverings for themselves. Even worse, when God came in the garden, now they hid from Him. Their greatest gift, the presence of God – God walking among them in friendship, they had sacrificed because of their coveting. The serpent's advice did not end in bringing them something even better. It had actually resulted in disaster; it resulted in death.

### Conclusion

1. Children, as we said at the beginning of our lesson, we can all be a lot like our first parents. Even though God greatly provides for us we still often want more than He wants us to have. We look at what others have and we want it, too. We think about what God has forbidden us because He knows it would not be good for us, and still we desire it, sometimes to the point of going after it.

Sadly, we, too, suffer the consequences. When we covet, when we go after those things which God does not desire for us, we hurt ourselves and many times we end up hurting others around us. Most importantly when we give in to coveting, we damage our friendship with God. We show by our actions that we think other things are more important than God, who gave us everything in the first place.

2. What's the solution to this? First, we must confess our coveting. We must tell God that we have gone after things which we shouldn't have; that we have not been thankful for all we do have. Instead we have moaned about what we don't have. We also have not trusted God to provide us with the things that we really need and are best for us.

After confessing this sin, we must then run to Jesus for help. We must ask Him to come into our life and make us more grateful and trusting. We must ask Him to help us trust our heavenly Father and not to want more than what He desires to give us. We must ask Him to convince us that if we have the Lord, we have all we really need.

**LOGOS Kids Club**  
**Memory Instruction Time**  
**Lesson 12**

**1. Review**

Take time to review Q&A and memory verse for lesson 11. Allow several children a chance to recite this lesson and then recite it as a group. If time permits allow several children the chance to recite all ten commandments. Be sure you leave time for your new memory work.

**2. Explain the verse**

*Hebrews 13:5* Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

- ◆ What is it that the author tells us we are to keep our lives free from? (The love of money.)
- ◆ What is the love of money? (It is too great a desire for money and what it can purchase. It involves coveting – wanting something more than God.)
- ◆ What does it mean to be content? (It means to be satisfied with what you have.)
- ◆ Why can we be content with what we have? (If we have the Lord we have all we really need. He, as well, is able to provide perfectly for us.)

**3. Memorize the verse**

Puzzle - Write the verse on an 8-1/2 X 11-1/2 piece of paper. Cut the paper into pieces forming a puzzle. Mix the pieces up and then have children put them in order. Then recite the verse together many times. Each time you recite the verse take away one piece of the puzzle. When all pieces have been taken children should have memorized the verse.

**Lesson Review Questions**

1. How well did God provide for Adam and Eve? (He had provided perfectly for them, even giving them the gift of His presence.)
2. How did Satan try to convince Eve that she needed more? (First, he brought doubt into her mind. Then he suggested to her that God was trying to keep something good from her – to be like God.)
3. How does the Bible describe Eve's coveting? (She saw that the fruit was good for food and pleasing to the eyes. She also saw that it was desirable to make one wise.)
4. What was the worst consequence of Adam and Eve's sin? (It brought death to their relationship with God. They began to hide from God.)
5. What truth would have kept Adam and Eve from their foolish sin? (If we have God we have all we really need. He alone is well able to give us all we really need.)
6. Have you been breaking the 10<sup>th</sup> commandment lately or have you been trusting God to provide you with all you really need? Talk to your leader about this.