

Home Discipleship

Family Activities

Q: What does God require in the sixth, seventh, and eighth commandments?

A: sixth, that we do not hurt or hate our neighbor. Seventh, that we live purely and faithfully. Eighth, that we do not take without permission that which belongs to someone else.

Key Verse: Romans 13:9

Key Passage: Romans 13:8-10

Music: For each question there is a song that can be found on the New City Catechism App. Listen to the song for this question and sing it as a family. Songs have a unique way of helping ingrain truths into our hearts. Watch this clip from a veggie tales movie about the parable of the good Samaritan. Enjoy the silliness in the song while pointing out the important practical lessons of how we can love our neighbor.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uLxt6-1dzwQ>

Coloring Activity: Coloring is a fun activity for all ages. And a great way to spend time thinking deeply about the spiritual truths that we have talked about today. On page 3 of this document you will find a coloring page to remind you of the sixth commandment.

Memory Activity: Another great way to ingrain this truth into your family is to practice memorizing it with different activities.

Younger Kid: On a large piece of paper write out the catechism question and answer but for each verb and adjective write the word in a different color. Read the question and answer out loud as a family but for every colorful word have the kids take turns reading it in a funny voice. Make it a memorable goofy time to help them remember the question and answer.

Older Kid: Practice saying the catechism question and answer as a family until everyone feels confident that they know it. Split the family into two teams. Line up each team in a single file line facing the other team. Give a ball to the first person in team ones line. The first person will say the first word of the catechism, if they know it they will pass it to the other team and then go to the back of the line. This will continue until someone does not know a word. If someone gets stuck they will have to sit down. Once you get through the whole catechism the team with the most people still standing wins. If the kids enjoy this do it with the Key verse of the week as well!



Teaching Activities: Teaching activities are meant to help reinforce the idea in the catechism question. Be sure to be asking kids questions as you do these activities to be sure that they see the connection.

Reasons for the Law

1. Make sure you remind the kids that the Israelites were getting these commandments while in the desert with anticipation of entering the Holy Land. A holy land that was filled with idol worship, murder, and impurity. God wanted his people to be pure and above reproach in their new holy land that He gave them The Law so that they would worship Him as the one true God.
2. God also wants to us to bring him glory. We must remember that bringing him glory is a purpose of our being created and the creation of His law assists us in doing that.
3. The Law also plays a role in showing his people that they are sinners. An important part of the gospel is understanding that you need saving. If God's people just felt perfect they would not long for a Messiah.
4. When believers understand their sin they then run to God for forgiveness. The commandments also serve the purpose of bringing Gods people back to him when they have sinned through forgiveness

Activity #1 Encourage your kids to write letters of encouragement to your neighbors. This is a great way to get to know your neighbors if you have never met them and also a very easy way to share your faith! Encourage them to write out their favorite Bible verse along with their encouragement.

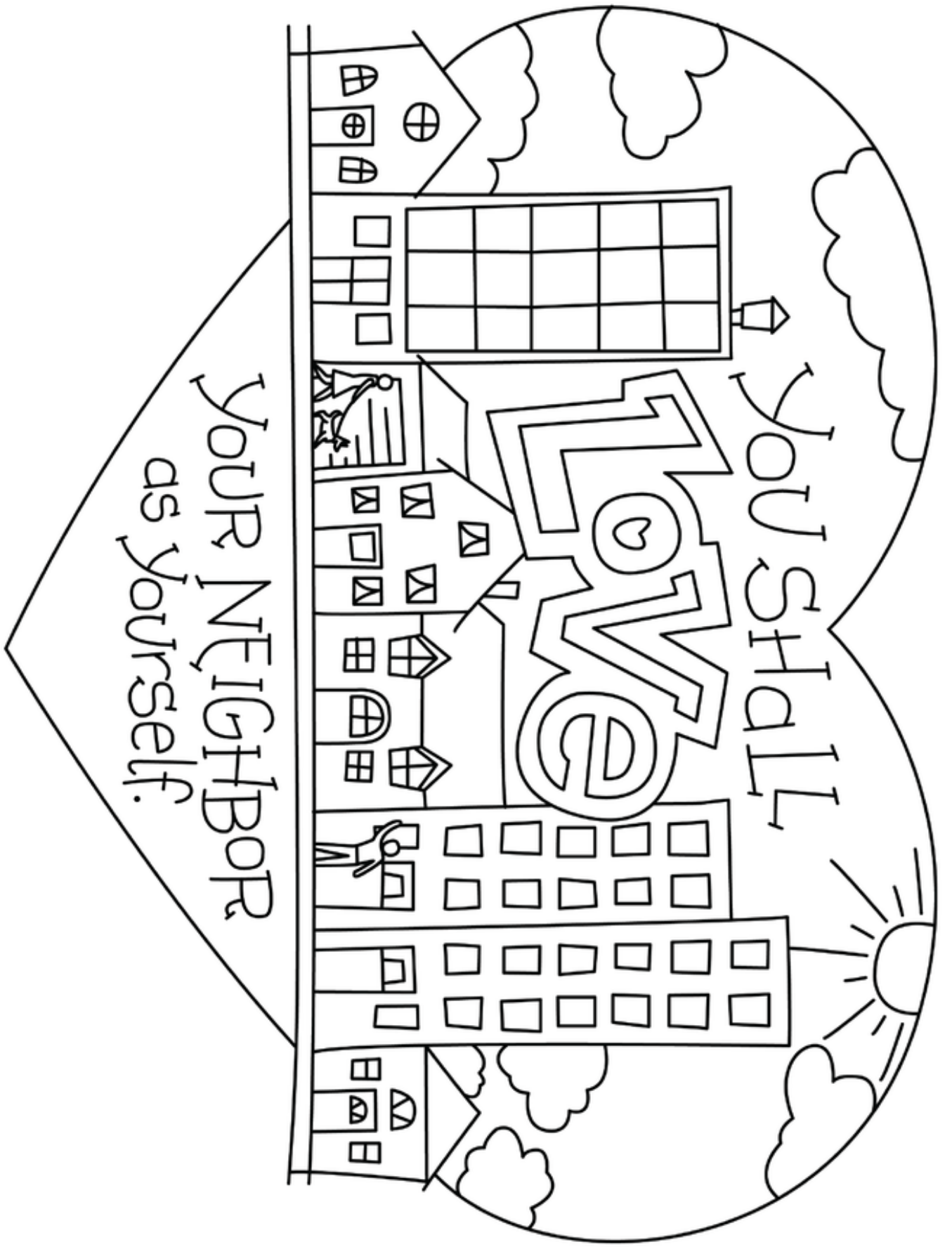
Activity #2 print page four of this document or use a blank piece of paper and divided it into six boxes just like on page four. Encourage the kids to create a comic strip drawing of the sixth commandment, loving your neighbor. If they enjoy this activity have them do it for the seventh and eighth as well.

Discussion Questions: Discuss a few of these questions as a family to help everyone think deeper about their own lives with this doctrinal truth.

1. Why do you think God wants us to be nice to each other?
2. If we are really good at loving God but not so good at loving others are we honoring God?
3. Why do you think God cares if we take something that is not ours?

Pray: Take some time as a family to pray. Family prayer time is an incredible way to grow with one another and enjoy our God together! Pray, thank God for teaching us to love one another. Learning to love is such a crucial part of our relationship with God and it begins with loving him. Thank him for requiring this of us in His law. Thank him for teaching us how to love through his love for us and the Trinity. Pray for help to love your enemies and pray for your enemies to learn to love Jesus.





Scene 1

Scene 2

Scene 3

Scene 4

Scene 5

Scene 6