

# FOURTH COMMANDMENT

## 1. Memory Work:

(Parent's Initials)

- 1.1. [The Fourth Commandment](#) (page 81) \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.2. [What Does This Mean?](#) (page 81) \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Opening Prayer:

 Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Thank You so much for this time together as a family. As we talk about the Fourth Commandment, help us to understand how it applies to us as Your dear children. Help us as we learn to love You with all our heart and to love others like You have loved us. In Your precious Son's Name, Amen.

## 3. Teaching:

 Watch *Fourth Commandment* Video link: <https://youtu.be/3Kv25Vtr9Fo>

## 4. Scripture Search:

 Read through the following section of Scripture:

- 4.1. [Exodus 20:12](#) and [Ephesians 6:1-4](#).
- 4.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:
  - 4.2.1. [The Fourth Commandment](#) (page 81)
  - 4.2.2. [The Central Thought](#) (links to Catechism app - page 81)
  - 4.2.3. [Questions 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58](#) (links to Catechism app - pgs. 81-84)

## 5. Question Time:

- 5.1. How do we see God's love in the command to honor our parents?
- 5.2. What is the difference between honoring someone and loving someone?
  - 5.2.1. What does it mean to honor someone?
  - 5.2.2. What does it mean to love someone?
- 5.3. Why do you think God commands us to honor our parents, but He doesn't tell us to "love" our parents? Should we still show them love? Why?
- 5.4. In the Large Catechism, Martin Luther wrote that the authority God gives to parents is the source from which other authority is derived. How does this understanding affect the way you might think about people in other positions of authority; people like police officers, judges, and those in the government positions?
- 5.5. Vocabulary: [Honor](#), [Respect](#)

## 5. Closing Prayer:

 Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Thank You for my parents. Help me to always love them. Help them to love me as You love me. Teach me to listen and obey. Help me to value them and to go out of my way to serve them. Teach me to do this for my parents and all other authorities.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.