

The First Commandment – Make Up Sheet

Use the 1991 edition (maroon) of Luther's Small Catechism to complete the following.

INTRO TO CATECHISM

Read over Red Questions 9-12 (pages 52-53). Fill in the following:

The Small Catechism was written by _____ in _____.

It covers the _____ Chief Parts: Ten Commandments, Creed, _____, Baptism, _____, and the Sacrament of the Altar (Lord's Supper).

Everything from the Catechism is from the _____.

TEN COMANDMENTS

Why did God give us rules? He loves us. He knows us. He knows we need rules to guide us for a happy and peaceful life. He gave us those rules in the Ten Commandments.

Story of Moses Video: Before we get started let's talk about the story about how God gave His people the commandments. Use this link to watch a short video.

[Moses in the Wilderness](#)

What does the Catechism Have to Say about the Ten Commandments?

This account in this video can be found in Exodus in the Old Testament. The Ten Commandments can be found in the Exodus 20. We can also find them in the catechism. Read the following Red Questions from the Catechism and fill in the blanks below.

Red Question 13 - The Ten Commandments are _____.

Note that God did not number the commandments. Different churches number them in different ways. There is not a right or wrong way to number them.

Red Question 14 - When God created people, He wrote the Law on their _____.

All people have a sense of what is right and what is wrong because God wrote His law on our hearts. Later, as we saw in the video, God gave Moses the Ten Commandments on tablets of stone.

Red Question 15 - What's the summary of the first 3 commandments?

Red Question 16 - What's the summary of Commandments 4-10? _____

Jesus is asked which commandment is the most important. Read Matthew 22:36-39 to find Jesus' response. Summarize what Jesus said.

FIRST COMMANDMENT (Catechism Page 56)

Using the catechism, complete the commandment and meaning.

FIRST COMMANDMENT: You shall have _____.

What does this mean? We should _____, _____, and _____ in God above ALL things.

In your own words, explain what this commandment means:

Red question #19 – The only true God is the triune God, _____,
_____, and _____.

How do we break this commandment? What is God telling us NOT to do?

Question 21 A – When they worship any creature or thing as God.

This includes worshipping the gods of other religions such as Buddha or Allah. The Bible also includes examples of people worshipping the false god Baal or the Israelites worshipping a golden calf. These are not the one true God and are examples of breaking the 1st Commandment.

Question 21C – When we fear, love, and trust any person or thing as we should fear, love, and trust in God _____.

- *This happens when we trust something other than God for our identity, meaning, and security. When we make other things more important than God. Maybe it's money, popularity, good grades, friends, sports. When we make anything more important than God, we break this commandment.*

How do you think 5th and 6th graders break this commandment?

Why do you think God gave the “no other God’s” command FIRST?

Why does God want to be first in your life?

He created you! (Gen 1:27)

He loves you! (Eph 5:5)

He knows everything! (Psalm 118:8)

Brainstorm at least 2 things you can do this week to keep God number one in your life. Come ready next week to talk about how this went for you.

Gospel Connection: If we could keep the first commandment perfectly, we would be keeping them all. Because of our sinful nature, none of us are able to keep any commandment perfectly. Loving us, in spite of our sinful nature, God sent Jesus. He kept the first and all other commandments perfect in our place. Not only that, he died in our place and rose again to live forever as our savior, helper, and friend.