

FIRST COMMANDMENT

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Jesus,

Help me to always put You first; help us to not let other things take priority over You. Thank You for continuing to love me even though I continually fall short of keeping Your Commandments.

In Your Precious Name, Amen.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 3: First Commandment. Video link: <https://vimeo.com/184860829>.

3. **Scripture Search:** Read through the following section of Scripture:

3.1. [Exodus 20:1-17](#)

3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

3.2.1. The Ten Commandments (pages 52-57) and the First Commandment (pages 58-66). **The Central Thought** (page 58)

3.2.2. **Questions 15 - 41** (pgs. 53 -66);

4. **Question Time:**

4.1. Vocabulary:

4.1.1. Commandments

4.1.2. Idol

4.1.3. Idolatry

4.2. Can you identify any idols in your life?

4.3. How does it make you feel to recognize that you might have a number of gods in your life that are not the One True God?

4.4. Martin Luther said that when we fulfill the First Commandment, all the other Commandments are fulfilled: we love God and we love our neighbor. When we break the First Commandment, all the other Commandments fall, too. Discuss why Luther would say such things. Do you agree or disagree with Luther?

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Jesus,

Help me to not love anything more than You. Help me as I try to follow the Commandments and forgive me for all the times that I fail. Help me to fear, to love, and to trust in You above all things..

In Your Name, Amen.