

FOURTH COMMANDMENT

1. **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.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 9: The Fourth Commandment - Honor your father and mother. Video link: <https://vimeo.com/19364964>

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

3.1. [Exodus 20:12](#) and [Ephesians 6:1-4](#).

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

3.2.1. [The Fourth Commandment](#) (page 81).

3.2.2. [Questions 54, 55, 56, 57, and 58](#) (pgs. 81-84);

3.2.3. [The Central Thought](#) (page 81)

4. **Question Time:**

4.1. How is it out of God's love that He gives us the command to honor our parents?

4.2. What is the difference between honoring someone and loving someone?

4.2.1. What does it mean to honor someone?

4.2.2. What does it mean to love someone?

4.3. Why do you think God would command us to honor our parents, but He doesn't say, "love" our parents?

4.4. In the [Large Catechism](#), [Martin Luther wrote that people in all other positions of authority, such as government, police officers, etc. derive their authority from the authority God gives parents](#). How does understanding this affect the way you might think about people in those positions?

4.5. 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.