

Redeemer Lutheran Church

1st Commandment

I. Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. Before You Begin

- ❖ What questions do you have about the one true God?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 58-66 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ *Create*- Make a collage of God's attributes found on pg. 63-65 of *Luther's Small Catechism*. Put it in a place where you can be reminded of who God is all the time.
- ❖ *Active*- Collect items that you absolutely love. Lay them on a table. Is there a difference between the love you have for those items and the love you have for God? What are some of those differences?
- ❖ *Reflect*- Identify your favorite promise of God in Scripture. Let it serve as a reminder to trust in God above all things because His promises are true.

V. Application

- ❖ *Know*- We are to fear, love, and trust in God above all things.
- ❖ *Do*- Recognize times in your life where you have feared, loved, and trusted in other things or people in your life above God.

VI. Prayer

- ❖ *Wow*- Give God praise for His attributes.
- ❖ *Sorry*- Identify areas where you have not feared, loved, and trusted God above all things and ask for forgiveness.
- ❖ *Thanks*- Give thanks to God for His rich forgiveness that is ours in Christ.

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- ❖ *Please-* Make a request to God for help so that you can fear, love, and trust in Him above all things.

VII. Digging Deeper (Other helpful resources on this topic)

All links listed below can be found at redeemerjackson.org/grow/affirmation-of-faith

❖ Videos

- [Luther's Small Catechism Study Videos-First Commandment](#)
- [Sing the Faith-First Commandment Song](#)
- [Exodus 20:1-3 Song \(Seeds Family Worship\)](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [What Does It Mean to Have a God? A look over the first and second commandments and their explanation in Martin Luther's Large Catechism.-Thinking Fellows \(1517\)](#)
- [Love and Trust-A discussion on the explanation of the First Commandment.-Outlaw God \(1517\)](#)

❖ Reading

- *Luther's Large Catechism* portion on the First Commandment
- Read/ memorize the Great Shema in Deuteronomy 6:4
- ["Go and Be Reconciled, What Does This Mean?" By Ambassadors of Reconciliation](#)