

Redeemer Lutheran Church

4th 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 honoring father, mother, and others in authority?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 81-84 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ *Create*- Create a medal for your parents to honor them. Take two mason jar lids with rings and fill the inside with weighty objects. Cover the entire medal with foil or paper. Decorate.
 - Alternative- write a letter to your mom and dad (living or with the Lord) to honor them.
- ❖ *Active*- Present the medal to your parents and explain to them why you created it.
 - If your parents are living, give them the letter you wrote.
- ❖ *Reflect*- What makes parents unique among all other people in your lives? How can I show honor and cherish my parents as gifts of God and as His representatives on earth? See pg. 81 of *Luther's Small Catechism*.

V. Application

- ❖ *Know*- God chose your parents to co-create your life with Him and has given them the responsibility for your physical and spiritual wellbeing.
- ❖ *Do*- Be mindful of how you talk to your parents and about them when they are not around. Confess to God times where you have not honored your parents. Examples for kids: eye rolls, back talk, slamming doors, and hand and facial gestures. For adults: is how you talk to your parents consistent with how you talk about them?

VI. Prayer

- ❖ Heavenly Father, from whom all fatherhood on earth is given, give unto us gratitude for the gifts of parents and others in authority and the humility to serve, obey, love, and cherish them as they fulfill the duties and responsibilities You have assigned to them in this life, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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-Fourth Commandment](#)
- [Sing the Faith-Fourth Commandment Song](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [Teach Your Children to Honor You \(Visionary Family Ministries\)](#)
- [Recovering a Culture of Honoring Your Parents \(Visionary Family Ministries\)](#)

❖ Reading

- *Luther's Large Catechism* portion on the Fourth Commandment