



January 5, 2021

Dear Parents of Students in Groups 1 and 2

The latest lockdown due to COVID interrupts the regular Catechism schedule. I have considered virtual classes, but there would be many technical challenges, as well as the logistical challenges of getting all the students online simultaneously. Most significantly, though, virtual classes would not allow for the interactive approach used in Catechism teaching.

While we hope to be able to resume regular classes by January 26, I do wish to avoid getting too far behind in my schedule. So, I have come up with a bare bones approach for the next two weeks, in the hope that we can resume on January 26.

The bare bones approach will have us focus on a key goal of Catechism classes, namely, the memorization of the Lord's Days. I request that you spend some time with your son(s) and/or daughter(s) reviewing the contents of the Lord's Day assigned for that week. I suggest the following approach:

- Review any words or phrases that may not be clear
- Work through the questions/suggestions for discussion
- Read the passages I suggest and discuss how they are relevant to the topic in the Lord's Day
- Assign the Lord's Day as memory work. Have your son/daughter recite it or write it out by next week Tuesday (regular Catechism day). Please use the notebook to briefly indicate how it went and whether your son/daughter knew their memory work.

As Groups 1 and 2 are dealing with the same Lord's Days, if you have children in both classes, you can work through the Lord's Day at the same time.

While it will require some time to do this, the lockdown does mean we have more time as family. In this case, perhaps it will be good to utilize Tuesday evening, or spend some time on Sunday to work through the Lord's Day. It is good to speak about our faith with our children.

Here is the Assignment for this week

Lord's Day 36 & 37: The Third Commandment

- Explain words and phrases
- What are the things forbidden? What are some examples from daily life?
- What are the things commanded? What are some examples from daily life?
- Scripture passages:
 - Leviticus 24:10-23
 - Matthew 5:34-37
- Memory work: Lord's Day 36

May the Lord be pleased to bless these efforts, so the youth continue to see the riches of belonging to his covenant.

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