

Living by God's laws

FOCUS

1. The **Ten Commandments** guide our living - in relationship to God and others.
2. Every manner of taking and using another's property unjustly is contrary to the Seventh Commandment.
3. The Beatitudes are the **ATTITUDES** of Jesus that should **BE** the foundation of our lives.
4. God desires mercy and compassion towards others.
5. God calls us to justice and peace.

During these lessons your child may have:

- *listened and responded to the Ten Commandments;*
- *described ways they could show respect for the property of other people;*
- *explored the concept of coveting - enviously wanting something they do not have;*
- *listened and responded to the story of the cure of the man with the withered hand;*
- *suggested ways in which they can keep holy the Lord's Day;*
- *explored ways in which they can live The Beatitudes in their own lives;*

Exodus 20:15,17

"You shall not steal. You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his."

Matthew 5:2-12

That is what he taught them: How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy are the gentle; they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn; they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right; they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful; they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart; they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers; they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. . . .

Jeremiah 6: 13-14

For all, least no less than greatest, all are out for dishonest gain; prophet no less than priest, all practice fraud. They dress my people's wound without concern: "Peace! Peace!" they say, but there is no peace.

SUGGESTED HOME ACTIVITIES

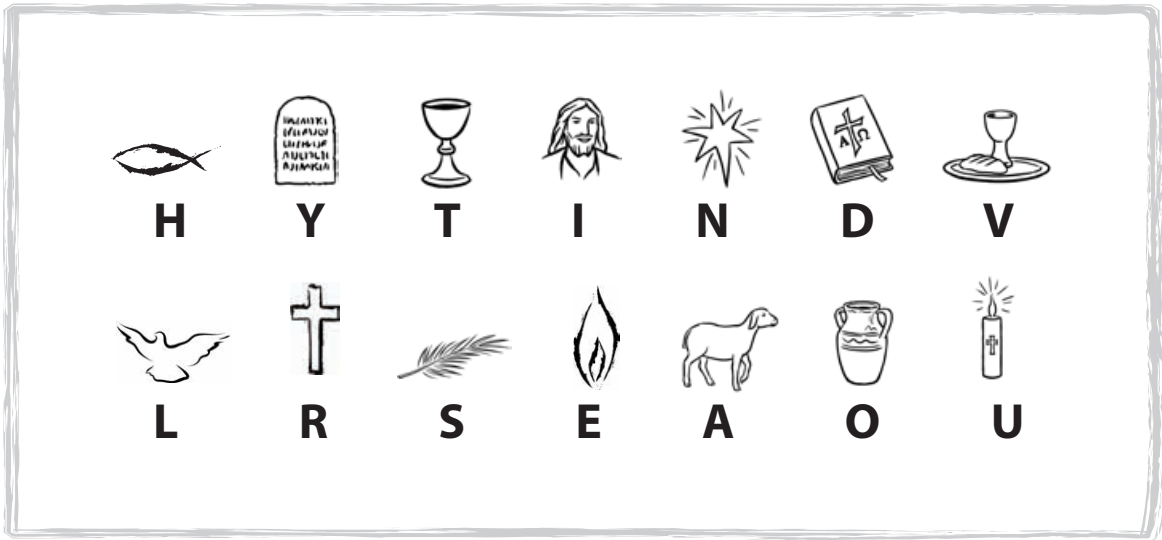
These are some suggested activities to do at home with your child.

1. Ask your child to suggest important rules to live by. Compare their suggestions to the Ten Commandments.
2. Share ways your family shows respect for each other's property.
3. As a sign of love thank each member of the family for the gifts they share with you.
4. Discuss ways you can support each other in good times and sad times.
5. Encourage your child to collect stories from the newspaper and internet that show someone being a peacemaker.
6. Discuss with your child ways of living Jesus' command, "love one another as I have loved you." e.g. visiting a sick person, playing with a lonely child.
7. Encourage your child to complete the activity on the next page.
8. More activities can be found at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org> Click **Curriculum overview/ Stage 2/Extension Activities**.

To Remember :

We show our love of God and others by living out the Ten Commandments.

Jesus gave his disciples many special instructions. Use the code to find out what Jesus taught about love



Dear God, I know you love me. Jesus has taught us how to love you. He has shown us how to reach out to people and share your love with them. Be with us all as we try to live in Jesus' way. Amen.