

LESSON 11: OBEDIENCE AND LOVE

God gave us the Fourth Commandment: **“Honor your father and mother”**.

God wants us to honor our parents because He brought us into the world through them. Our parents gave us life; love, protect and guide us; care for us every day. They care for our souls too. They baptized us and want us to receive the sacraments and learn about our faith. As a child, Jesus grew up in Nazareth respecting his mother and foster father, Joseph. God wants us to also respect and obey others who have lawful authority to protect us.

In the Fifth Commandment, God asks us to respect all human life.

He tells us **“You shall not kill”**.

The life of every person belongs to God and is precious. God loved you and had a plan for your life since the time you were inside your mother’s womb. God alone is the author and Lord of life.

Jesus told the story of the Good Samaritan, about how he acted towards the person attacked by robbers and left to die. Jesus said: *“I tell you solemnly, as you did it to one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did it to Me”*. (Matt 25:40). God wants us to be forgiving, loving and generous.

“I will never forget you. See, I have carved you on the palm of My hand”. (Isaiah 49:15-16)

Questions and Answers

1	<i>What does the Fourth Commandment order us to do?</i> The Fourth Commandment orders us to love, respect, and obey our parents and whoever holds authority over us, that is, those who are our superiors.
2	<i>What does the Fifth Commandment forbid?</i> The Fifth Commandment forbids us to harm the life, either natural or spiritual, of our neighbor as well as of ourselves. It prohibits murder, suicide, fighting (out of anger), cursing and giving scandal.
3	<i>What are we ordered to do by the Fifth Commandment?</i> The Fifth Commandment orders us to be of good will toward all, including our enemies, and to make good any bodily or spiritual evil we do to our neighbor.
4	<i>As children, what is our obligation towards our parents?</i> Our parents do so much for us and in return, it is our responsibility and obligation to honor and respect our parents. We need to be always obedient, grateful, loving and kind to them.

Words to Know:

- Obey - to do what we are told.
Good will - always wanting to do what is right.
Honor - to love, respect and obey.

Fill in the Blanks:

1. God has made a promise to us, if you honor your father and mother you will _____
_____.
2. Anyone who curses his father or mother should be _____ (Mk 7:10).
3. If we do not honor our parents it is a _____.
4. Even though Jesus was God, He _____, respected and _____
His parents.
5. God alone is the _____ and _____ of life from its beginning until its end.
6. Life of every person no matter how poor or old or small or big belongs to _____.
7. God wants us to act favorably, especially towards the _____,
and _____.
8. Jesus humbled himself, becoming obedient to His Father's will, even unto death,
death on a _____ (Phil 2:8).
9. When Adam and Eve disobeyed God they were _____ and thrown out of
the _____.
10. It is God who gave us life through _____.