

Sanctity of Life Curriculum
“THOU SHALT NOT KILL”
Grade 4 - Week 2
Take Home

Dear Parents,

This week we used the worksheet from last week to discuss the contributions made in each life by the lives of many others, and students had an opportunity to share some of those things with the class. We went on to contrast death from natural causes such as illness or accidents and intentional death, or murder. We studied Genesis 4 and the story of Abel’s murder by Cain and God’s anger because of it. We also looked at Exodus 20:13: God’s commandment against murder. **Murder is a sin, because each life is made by God in His image.** We spent some time discussing how murder takes away the gift of life, and all the wonderful things that person might have accomplished in his or her life. We saw how the murders, such as those on September 11, 2001, make all of us feel sad, even though we may not personally know anyone who was killed.

We learned that murder is a serious sin against God. The Bible tells us that death entered the world when Adam sinned. The whole world suffers because of sin, but we were reminded that God has given us an answer to sin and death and sadness. That answer is **Jesus**; because of Jesus, we know that God is greater than murder, or any kind of sin, and He is more powerful than death. We don’t have to be afraid of sin and death, because we too can triumph over them, because of Jesus. We do this when we let Jesus live in our hearts; we show him our love through our obedience to His commandments.

We also spent some time discussing the important work He has given each person to do. We read Jeremiah 29:11- 13 and learned that God has good plans for us and that we will know those plans when we pray and obey Him, day by day. Spend some time using the following questions about the lesson, to help your student review and share some of the important concepts they have learned.

Why is murder a sin?

How does God feel about murder?

Why do we feel sad when someone is murdered?

Who is more powerful than sin?

How do we know that Jesus is more powerful than death?

PRAY THE ENCLOSED BOOKMARK PRAYER TOGETHER AND THEN PUT IT SOMEWHERE THAT WILL REMIND YOU TO PRAY IT TOGETHER OFTEN.