

## ***Terms of the Week (Oct 28, Due November 11):***

- Steward
- Preserver

## ***Small Group Time: If you are in the large room—please talk quietly!***

- Check In: (High's and Low's):
  - Go "one on one" to share the best and worst things that happened last week. Get back into small groups and share your respective partners' highs and lows.
- Homework and Memory Update:
  - Check that everyone has done it! Do you know your OT books, Apostle's Creed and half of the meaning of the first article?
- Small Group Business:
- Guide Reminder: Huddle: Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> 7 PM at the O'Hara's—come hungry!

## ***Bible Time:***

Highlight or underline the following:

- Numbers 6:24-26. Do you recognize this blessing? How does it make you feel to be blessed?
- Joshua 1:9. Write: *God is with us always!* In the margin.
- John 16:33. What does Jesus say will happen to us in this world? And what is his AWESOME answer to it?
- Romans 8:38-39. What can separate you from Jesus' love?
- Psalm 8:1-2. What are some words for God?

## ***Thought Time:***

- Tell about a time when you felt that God stepped in and protected your life. How did it make you feel?
- What makes you feel safe, cared for, protected?
- Name people or groups of people who need protection. How can Christ work through you to help offer protection?
- How does God protect you?
- Around the world there are Christian people who suffer. Is God still protecting them?

**Memory:** Finish the meaning of the 1<sup>st</sup> article starting with "He defends me" ....to "this is most certainly true." Have the meaning of 1<sup>st</sup> article memorized by next week.

**Catechism Questions:** Do this next part on a separate piece of paper to be handed in next week:

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth."

In your own words—WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO A 7/8 grader today? 4 paragraphs:

- a. Talk about God as your creator,
- b. provider,
- c. deliverer,
- d. and what your response to that is.

**Daily Readings:**

□ Day 1:

- Read Matthew 5:27-28. What does it take to break the 6<sup>th</sup> commandment?
- Matthew 5:29-30. What do you think Jesus was trying to get across to his followers? Did he actually want them to cut off their hands? Explain.
- Matthew 5:31-32. God's plan for marriage is that husband and wife stay together forever and ever---even if there are problems in the marriage. However, people are sinful and God permits divorce, but never commands it. On what grounds does he permit it here?
- How else does one commit adultery according to this verse?
- Matthew 5:33-37. What do you think Jesus would say to those who say "I swear to God...." When they talk?

- Day 2:
  - Jesus has very radical teachings compared to the wisdom of the world. What are some things he wants us to do according to Matthew 5:38-42?
  - What is his VERY radical teaching in verses 43-48?
  - Who is God asking YOU to love today? Pray for that person right now!
- Day 3:
  - Read Matthew 6:1-4. How does God want us to serve him and give to Him?
  - Why?
  - Matthew 6:5-7. How does He want you to pray?
  - Matthew 6:8. Underline this verse. What does this say about your God?
  - Matthew 6:9-13. This should be familiar. Do you notice anything different about this and the way we say it in church?
  - Matthew 6:14-15. What is the result if we hold grudges and do not forgive others for hurting us?
  - Who is God asking you to forgive today? Pray about it and do it! (It will feel great!!!)
- Day 4:
  - Matthew 6:16-18. What is fasting? Why do you think people do it? Would you ever do it?

- Matthew 6:19-21. Underline these verses. When you feel stressed over money or possessions, what comfort is Jesus giving you?
  - What do you think "treasures in heaven" are?
  - Matthew 6:22-23. Jesus is telling you that it DOES matter what your eye sees---it affects your whole person. What are some things that you should keep your eyes away from?
  - Matthew 6:24. Is He saying that no one should have money? Explain what He is teaching us in these verses.
- Day 5:
- Matthew 6:25. Underline this verse. What material goods do you worry about?
  - How about your parents?
  - Matthew 6:26. How does this verse make you feel?
  - Matthew 6:27. How does worrying about problems help?
  - Matthew 6:28-30. What would Jesus say about all the fuss we make about how we look and what we wear?
  - Matthew 6:31-32. It says don't worry because.....
  - Matthew 6:33. Underline this! What is to be our priority in life?
  - Matthew 6:34. Jesus' wisdom for the worries of tomorrow:

### ***Family Covenant:***

We have checked in this week, read and highlighted verses, prayed for each other, and blessed one another.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_