

FIFTH COMMANDMENT

1. **Opening Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear Jesus,

Thank You for the gift of the Commandments. Remind us of the times that we fail to keep them and forgive us for falling short. Help us to understand what it means when You tell us "Do not murder."

In Your Name, Amen.

2. **Teaching:** Watch Lesson 11: Fifth Commandment. Video link: <https://vimeo.com/195697536>

3. **Scripture Search:** Read through the following section of Scripture:

3.1. [Exodus 20:13](#); [Matthew 5:21-26](#); [Matthew 25:42-43](#).

3.2. Read through the following sections of the Small Catechism:

3.2.1. The Fifth Commandment, page 85;

3.2.2. *The Central Thought*, page 85;

3.2.3. *Questions 59-64*, pages 85-92

4. **Question Time:**

4.1. Jesus "turned up the heat" on this Commandment by making it clear that being angry at someone is breaking it. Why do you think Jesus would say this?

4.2. Talk about some of the "roots" of murder and anger. How do those "roots" relate to the rest of the Commandments?

4.3. Can you identify ways you might be breaking this Commandment without actually ending someone's physical life?

4.4. What are some of the ways that God gives us direction?

4.5. Luther recognized that this Commandment not only tells you what you are not to do, but it also tells you what you are to do. What do you think are some things God wants us to do based on the Fifth Commandment?

4.6. Vocabulary: [Murder](#), [Abortion](#), [Euthanasia](#)

5. **Closing Prayer:** Feel free to pray your own prayer or use the following as an outline.

Dear God,

Help me to live according to Your will. Sometimes it's difficult to obey Your words and live a godly life, so please help me live according to Your will. Help me to love others in everything that I say and do.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.