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Our Catholic Faith: Living What We Believe
Directed Reading Worksheet
Chapter 9 *Christian Moral Life*

Directions: As you read through the chapter, fill in the information below. All the questions run sequential to the chapter. If a true or false statement is false, correct it.

Page 234 ***Guidance***

1. Why did God give us the Ten Commandments?

Pages 235–236 ***Called to Happiness***

2. God created us to be _____ in this world and the next and _____ in each of us a deep _____ for happiness and fulfillment that _____ can satisfy.

3. From the _____ of creation, God desired humans to share in his _____, to partake in the _____ of God, to enter into his joy, to be happy _____. But human _____ led to unhappiness.

4. What is Jesus' "blueprint" for happiness? What is our part?

5. The Beatitudes complete the _____ that God made to _____ and show us how to fulfill our desire for _____ and teach us how we should live in order to reach our _____ of union with God.

6. True or False?
   In the first Beatitude, Jesus says that material poverty is an evil, and he wants us to recognize our spiritual poverty.

7. True or False?
   In the second Beatitude, Jesus blesses those who mourn over injustices and evils committed against God and people in need, but tell us he will eventually scold us.

8. True or False?
   In the third Beatitude, humility is equated with meekness, and is reflected when we treat others with gentleness, compassion, and forgiveness.

9. True or False?
   In the fourth Beatitude, Jesus blesses those who know that only God's righteousness can fulfill us because he made us so our hearts seek divine justice and a good relationship with him.

10. True or False?
    In the fifth Beatitude, Jesus tells us we should share with others the love, mercy, and forgiveness that we have been given, except for our enemies.

11. True or False?
    The sixth Beatitude instructs us to have a clean heart which means a person puts other people before everything else.

12. True or False?
    The seventh Beatitude instructs Christians to be peacemakers and to work hard to end the strife that leads to violence.

13. True or False?
    The final Beatitude tells us that suffering for faith in Jesus is to be expected and is a great sign of love for him.

Pages 238–243 ***Love God: The First Three Commandments***

14. The first _____ commandments show us how to love the _____ with our whole heart, soul, _____ and mind.

15. The first commandment tells us to make God the _____. We do this by practicing the _____ of faith, hope, and _____.

16. True or False?
    One way we put God first in our lives is by practicing the cardinal virtues of faith, hope, and charity.

17. How does the virtue of religion helps us?

18. What are ways to exercise the virtue of religion?

19. True or False?
    The virtue of religion enables believers to keep their vows, especially the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity, and obedience.

20. What is heresy?

21. Identify the heresy described below:
    _____: says a person can save himself without God's help
    _____: says God cannot or will not forgive a person his or her sins
    _____: the denial of Christ
    _____: a split in union with the Pope

22. What is the worst sin of all?

23. Identify these sins against the First Commandment:
    _____: to buy or sell spiritual things
    _____: worship of false gods
    _____: Claims we can never be certain whether God exists
    _____: denies that God exists
    _____: attributes magical power to certain objects, acts, words, or practices
    _____: attempts to reveal what is hidden through demons, conjuring up the dead, and astrology
    _____: serious disrespect for sacramental and sacred things

_____: tempting God in word and deed to manifest his goodness

24. When God reveals his name, _____, to the _____, he commanded that we honor his _____ through praise, reverence, and _____.

25. Through _____, the Lord makes our name _____, marking us as his _____. Disciples have a wonderful way to pray throughout the day—by frequently praying the _____ _____.

26. True or False?
The Second Commandment outlaws any wrong use of God's name or the names of Jesus, Mary, or any saint.

27. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- Perjury is lying under oath
- Taking an oath is forbidden for a Christian because our word is enough to bind us
- Christians may take an oath for morally correct and serious reasons

28. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
- It is a mortal sin if we intend to break an oath which we deliberately swear with God as our witness
- Blasphemy is the use of words of hate, defiance, or reproach against God, Jesus, the saints, sacred things, or the Church
- Blasphemy is a serious violation against the Third Commandment

29. True or False?
Cursing involves crude words and is immature rather than sinful.

30. How did the Israelites understand the purpose of the Third Commandment?

31. Jesus taught that the sabbath was made for _____, not man for the _____. It is proper for humans to worship and _____ God. We should acknowledge that we are _____ _____ on our loving God.

32. Jesus brought new _____ to the Sabbath because he brought about a new _____, namely, _____ for those who love him. The _____ took place on a Sunday. For Christians, the Lord's Day on _____ replaces the Sabbath.

33. True or False?
Because the Eucharist is central to our life in Christ, participating in the Sunday Mass is a serious option we must fulfill under penalty of sin.

34. What are ways we make the Lord's day holy?

Pages 244–254 ***Love Your Neighbor: The Fourth through Tenth Commandments***

35. How does Saint Paul summarize the Ten Commandments in his letter to the Romans?

36. God created the _____ as the primary unit of _____ and the Fourth Commandment stresses that charity begins at _____. The family is called the _____, a community of faith, hope, and charity that teaches _____, respect, and love.

37. What are some of duties of parents?

38. What behaviors are required of children?

39. In what circumstance could one properly oppose civil law?

40. The Fifth Commandment teaches respect for the _____. Any direct and _____ killing of a human being is called _____ in the Old Testament. Anger and hate lead to _____.

41. True or False?
Killing in self-defense is morally sinful, even as a last resort when a person is defending his or her own life against an unjust aggressor.

42. What are reasons we punish criminals?

43. True or False?
The Church teaches that governments should use nonlethal means of punishment—therefore the death penalty may be permitted only in cases of absolute necessity.

44. What are four conditions of a just war?

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

45. What are five other actions forbidden by the fifth commandment?

46. The Sixth and Ninth Commandments teach us how to use our _____ in accord with God's plan: so that _____ can share their love and _____ with God in bringing forth new _____. Males and females are made in God's _____ and have equal dignity.

47. _____ helps us integrate our sexuality with all aspects of who we are. Jesus calls everyone to live chastely according to their _____ _____. This virtue requires life-long _____.

48. One of these statements is false. Circle the false statement and correct it.
    - Modesty refuses to veil what should remain uncovered
    - The virtues of purity and modesty help us to combat lust, a disordered craving for sexual pleasure
    - Purity helps us in the struggle against lust by attuning our minds and hearts to God's holiness

49. What are examples of sinful abuses of God's gift of sexuality?

50. The Sixth and _____ Commandments support the institution of _____. They tell us that _____, and all acts leading up to it, express the _____ commitment of love between a man and woman in marriage. This sexual _____ deepens and symbolizes their _____.

51. What should a Christian marriage be like?

52. What are the two purposes of sexual intercourse in marriage?

53. True or False?
    The use of natural methods of regulating births are in accord with God's will, but artificial means of birth control are unnatural and contrary to God's law.

54. Certain acts go against God's intention for _____. These include _____—a married person having sexual relations with someone who is not his or her _____, divorce which against Christ's commandment that marriage should last until _____, polygamy, sexual _____ of children and adolescents, and _____.

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55. The Seventh Commandment teaches us to be good _____ of our material possessions. It stresses that God created the goods of creation for the benefit of _____. The virtue of _____ teaches us not to become too attached to our _____ and the virtue of _____ calls us to respect the property of _____ and to _____ with the needy.

56. Identify which of the attitudes outlawed by the Tenth Commandment is described below:
    _____: trying to amass unlimited wealth
    _____: a desire to have what another possesses
    _____: passionately seeking wealth and the power that comes from it

57. Identify the type of justice described below:
    _____: concerns our duties as citizens and what we owe the government
    _____: the obligations the community has to its citizens
    _____: regulates relations between individuals

58. What is *social justice*?

59. The condemnation of any social, political, or _____ system that is contrary to the _____ of the human person is a fundamental _____ of Catholic social justice teaching. The Church, therefore, is against any _____ or _____ system that makes profit the *only* norm and ultimate _____ of economic activity.

60. The eighth commandment teaches the value of _____. It teaches us to _____ _____ for the truth as exemplified in the lives of the _____. Lying goes against God's gift of _____ and is mortally sinful when it causes _____ harm to another.

61. Explain three behaviors that the eighth commandment calls us to avoid.

62. The Eighth Commandment requires governments and _____ industries to use the _____ responsibly and not for propaganda or to promote _____ behavior. People have a right to _____ information.