

## Lesson 7

### Question 7

What does the law of God require?

### Answer 7

That we love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength: and love our neighbor as ourselves.

### Memory Verse

“And (Jesus) said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your minds. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.’”

Matthew 22:37-40

### Main Idea:

Understanding what it means to live wholeheartedly for God in his love and grace. God’s law is still relevant for believers today and it requires obedient and loving lives. Laws are intended to allow humanity to thrive and flourish in a safe and prosperous society.

### Outline for lesson 7

#### 1. Open in prayer.

2. **Review Activity:** On a beach ball write the first six questions from these lessons. One question on each of the colored panels. The object of this game is to keep the ball up in the air as long as possible. When it falls to the ground, someone needs to choose a question on the ball and give the correct answer to the question. Give a sticker to the children for each correct answer.

3. **Intro.:** Ask the children to imagine, what would our world look like if we had no laws? Help them by giving examples: what would it be like if cars never stopped at a red light? Or if people could harm others without consequences? Finish by telling them laws are put in place so that we can live safe and well.

**Question:** What would life be like if there were no punishment for breaking laws?

**Answer:** The law wouldn’t mean anything without punishment.

**Question:** Would people constantly break laws if there were no consequences for breaking them?

**Answer:** Yes, we are sinners by nature and choice.

4. **Read:** Matthew 22:34-40. Explain that God’s law still remains today and it is still the standard by which God expects His people to live. Let them know that the only one that kept God’s law perfectly was Jesus. Which means we are all lawbreakers. Lawbreakers deserve punishment. However, When Jesus died on the cross, He died for all of us lawbreakers. He took our place of punishment.

This is a great time to explain the plan of salvation in your words to your children. Read John 1:12 and Romans 3:23, we are all sinners.

Jesus loves you so much he took the punishment of your sin (1 Cor. 15:3). If you confess that you have done wrong things and believe that Jesus died and came back to life for you, God will forgive all your sin. If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins. 1 John 1:9.

Pray: I’m sorry for the wrong thing I’ve done.

I’m glad Jesus died for me and came back to life.

Please forgive me and make me part of your family.

I’m thankful for Your promise to always be with me and love me.

5. **Memorize:** Question 7, answer 7 and verse, Matthew 22:37-40.