Lesson 5

The Bible

Lesson Objectives

- Learn about the Ten Commandments as the basis for living as good Maronites.
- Realize how the whole Bible, the Old Testament and the New Testament, is the Word of God.
- Grow in our desire to listen to, and obey, God's Word, which is proclaimed at every Divine Liturgy.

Lesson Summary

The Bible is the greatest book ever written. In this lesson we will see how the Bible gives us direction for being good Maronites.

Lesson Plan

Introduction (Minutes 1-10)

• Pray the Opening Prayer together.

• Review the introduction.

• Show a video or song.

Review Point 1: The Ten Commandments (Minutes 10-15)

- Ask the students: How do you think Moses felt when God spoke to him and gave him the Ten Commandments?

Review Point 2: The Old and the New Testament (Minutes 15-20)

• Ask the students: Do you ever sit down and read parts of the Bible?

• Follow-up question: Do you have a favorite story from the Bible?

Review Point 3: Service of the Word (Minutes 20-25)

- Ask the students: Do you remember this Sunday's Gospel reading?

Activity: Choose 1 or 2 (Minutes 25-30)

Activity 1: Get in Order

Your teacher will hand you a slip of paper with one of the Ten Commandments written on it. Work together to line up in the correct order. Next, read your commandment aloud. Write the number of each commandment below.

Answer key:

1. I, the LORD, am your God. You shall not have other gods besides me.

2. You shall not take the name the LORD, your God, in vain.

3. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

4. Honor your father and your mother.

5. You shall not kill.

6. You shall not commit adultery.

7. You shall not steal.

8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

9. You shall not covet [desire] your neighbor's [husband or] wife.

10. You shall not covet [desire] your neighbor's house nor anything else that belongs to him.

Activity 2:

Directions: Cut out two stone tablets from colored paper and write the Ten Commandments on them.

Answers will vary.

Prayer and Role Model (Minutes 30-35)

- Pray from the Maronite Tradition together.

Complete Recall Section (Minutes 35-40)

Use the words below to answer these questions.

Answer key:

1. What did God give to Moses on Mount Sinai? **Ten Commandments**
2. What is the name of the first part of the Bible? **Old Testament**
3. What part of the Bible tells us about Jesus and the early Church? **New Testament**
4. What do Maronites call the first part of the Divine Liturgy, in which Bible passages are read? **Service of the Word**
5. What kind of relationship between God and humans is expressed in the commandments? **Covenant**

Review Weekly Journal (Minutes 40-44)

This Sunday at the Divine Liturgy, listen closely to the homily.

Write: Share one thing you learned from the homily.

Closing (Minutes 45)

- Pray the Concluding Prayer together.

Optional

- Use the Climbing Mountain Section and Reaching the Summit Section.