

The Advocate (Middle and Upper Elementary)

May 17, 2020 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Overview

In this week's Gospel passage Jesus tells us that if we love Him then we will keep His commandments. Jesus will not leave us to live out the commandments on our own. He promises to send us an Advocate—the Holy Spirit—to give us the grace to live them out. In this lesson, students will evaluate their own progress living out the Ten Commandments in their own lives.

Directions

- A. Have your students read the Gospel passage, or read it aloud to your students, and then answer the focus questions. You may have students answer them on their own or you may discuss them together as a class.
- B. Lead your students in the following brief discussion:
 - What is Jesus saying is a key sign of our love for Him? *Obeying His Commandments*
 - What are His Commandments? *Review the 10 Commandments briefly*
 - Would you say these are easy to live? *Some are some aren't. We all struggle with different ones.*
 - What does Jesus promise us in order to help us live the Commandments? *The Spirit of Truth, which is the Holy Spirit.*
- C. Create a prayerful atmosphere and have students work individually to prayerfully complete the handout **Obeying the Commandments and Loving Jesus**.

Answer Key

1. Obeying His Commandments.
2. The Spirit of Truth, which is the Holy Spirit.
3. They will be loved by the Father and Jesus, and Jesus will reveal Himself to them.