We Speak the Truth with Love

GRADE 4

CHAPTER 19 Study Guide

Keep these ideas in mind as you study ***Chapter 19****.*

The Eighth Commandment tells us to not bear false witness. The phrase *to bear false* witness means "to tell a lie." God wants us to be truthful and to keep our promises.

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When we tell the truth and keep our promises, we show love for God and for others. People trust those who tell the truth. Therefore, our trust in one another grows.

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Jesus told Pilate the truth, even though he knew he would die for it.

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Sometimes we may be tempted to lie to avoid trouble, or we may be afraid to tell the truth. The Holy Spirit gives us the courage to tell the truth and to keep our promises, even when it is hard.

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Saint Thomas More was a lawyer and helper to King Henry VIII of England. He would not tell a lie, even to save his life. When Thomas More was sentenced to death, his last words were, "I die the king's good servant, but God's first." Saint Thomas is a martyr, someone who gives his or her life for the faith.

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God wants us to speak only what is true and good. We are to protect people's reputations and good names. Sometimes we show love just by being quiet. We don't intentionally try to hurt someone with our words.

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Our words should increase the happiness in the world.

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