

## Unit 2 Preassessment Answer Key

1. How would you follow the demands of each of these commandments?
  - *Answers will vary.*
2. Describe how the first three commandments are connected to one another.
  - The first three commandments are connected to one another by a common theme. All three express the theme of loving and honoring God.
3. List several common sins committed against the . . .
  - **First Commandment:** doubt, heresy, idolization of money, immoral pursuit of success and fame, entertainment, addiction, sinful excess of religion, irreligion
  - **Second Commandment:** profane use of God's name, using the name of the Virgin Mary or any of the saints in vain, breaking a sacred oath, breaking a promise or vow, blasphemy, perjury
  - **Third Commandment:** missing Mass on Sunday, becoming too busy with unnecessary work to take a day for rest and spiritual renewal.
4. Explain the meaning of this statement: To keep the First Commandment is to keep all of the Ten Commandments.
  - This statement expresses the reality that the other nine commandments depend on the First Commandment. If we do not obey the First Commandment by having faith in God, putting our hope in him, and loving him completely, we cannot truly follow any of the other commandments.
5. How did Jesus respond when he was asked, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" (Matthew 22:36).
  - Jesus responded that the First Commandment—to love God with all your heart, soul, and mind—is the first and the greatest commandment.
6. How do these Laws of God (the first three commandments) provide us with a path to love and happiness?
  - The first three commandments provide us with a path to love and happiness by encouraging us to turn toward God and away from sin. They help us to understand our relationship with God, and to live out that relationship in our everyday lives.

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