

## ***Civics: A Christian Worldview. Civics Connect Four 1 (25-30 minutes)***

### **TEACHER INSTRUCTIONS/KEY**

#### **Instructions**

1. **Objective:** Students review Civics concepts in the form of a Connect Four game.
2. Buy and bring to class a Connect Four game; they're on Amazon.com for less than \$10.
3. Divide the class into two teams. (Try to make them evenly matched!)
4. Print all the pages in this handout for yourself. (No student handouts today!) Use the questions in whatever order you want—the first page, then second, then third...or from pages 1, 2, 3, then 1, 2, 3, again, and so on.
5. Explain to students that they will take turns answering True/False and short answer questions. A team member who answers correctly gets to put a checker in the Connect Four game.
6. Flip a coin or have one student on each team guess a number from 1 to 10 to see which team goes first.
7. Ask the first player on Team 1 (the team that won the right to go first) a question. A correct answer gets a checker; and incorrect answer gets none!
8. Now ask the first player on Team 2 a question, and repeat the process. Give students turns in order.
9. First team to get four in a row wins! (Repeat the process until the questions run out.)

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### **Questions/Answer Key – LEGAL PLUNDER: True or False?**

1. A city ordinance making shoplifting a criminal offense punishable by fines or jail (F)
2. A federal law taxing all workers to send direct payments to electric-vehicle manufacturers (T)
3. A state law using tax money to fund police officers and criminal courts for everyone (F)
4. A tariff on imported steel designed to raise prices so U.S. steel companies face less competition (T)
5. A law that jails a contractor for defrauding customers by taking payment and never doing the work (F)
6. A bailout where taxpayers cover the losses of a failing airline company (T)
7. A zoning law that forbids competitors from opening new taxi companies in a city (T)
8. A law requiring restitution when someone vandalizes private property (F)
9. A federal subsidy program that sends tax money to corn farmers only (T)
10. A law enforcing contracts when one party refuses to pay what they agreed to (F)

### **Questions/Answer Key – GOD, GOVERNMENT AND AUTHORITY: True or False?**

1. Scripture teaches that government authority exists independently of God (F)
2. Romans 13 teaches that existing governing authorities are ordained by God (T)
3. God allowing a ruler to govern means God approves of all that ruler's actions (F)
4. The Bible shows God using pagan rulers like Nebuchadnezzar for His purposes (T)
5. Wicked rulers prove that God is no longer sovereign over history (F)
6. Genesis 9 shows government receiving authority to punish murder (T)
7. God is morally responsible for the sinful choices of rulers He permits to rule (F)
8. Scripture repeatedly condemns rulers who oppress and act unjustly (T)
9. Paul believed his unjust imprisonment meant God had abandoned him (F)
10. God can accomplish His purposes even through unjust governments (T)

## ***Civics: A Christian Worldview. Civics Connect Four 1***

### **Questions/Answer Key – SUBJECTS, SUBMISSION, AUTHORITY: True or False?**

1. A Christian driver obeying a 25-mph speed limit he believes should be 35-mph is acting as a subject (T)
2. Submission to authority means believing the law is wise and fair (F)
3. Romans 13 commands Christians to place themselves under governing authority (T)
4. A Christian may ignore laws that feel inconvenient or unnecessary (F)
5. Children obeying parental rules is an example of being “subject to” authority (T)
6. Being subject requires personal admiration for the ruler (F)
7. Christians submit to government primarily to honor God (T)
8. Paying an unfair property tax is outside the Christian’s duty (F)
9. “Magistrates” refers to government officials with legal authority (T)
10. Christians are subject only to heavenly authorities, not earthly ones (F)

### **Questions/Answer Key – CITIZENSHIP – HEAVEN AND EARTH: True or False?**

1. A Christian who follows laws while remembering his ultimate loyalty to God reflects biblical citizenship (T)
2. Heavenly citizenship cancels all earthly responsibilities (F)
3. The Bible calls Christians strangers and pilgrims in this world (T)
4. Believers are described as fellowcitizens with one another in Christ (T)
5. Jesus taught that His kingdom was political and earthly (F)
6. Earthly citizenship is more important than heavenly citizenship (F)
7. Obeying civil law can be an act of obedience to God (T)
8. Christians live under both divine authority and civil authority (T)
9. Being a citizen of heaven justifies cheating on taxes (F)
10. Honest obedience can silence criticism from non-Christians (T)

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### **Questions/Answer Key – LAW, JUSTICE, CHRISTIAN CONDUCT: True or False?**

1. According to Scripture, rulers are meant to be a terror to evil actions (T)
2. Government exists mainly to equalize wealth outcomes (F)
3. A law can be legal while still violating justice (T)
4. The Bible teaches that legality and morality are always identical (F)
5. Titus 3 instructs Christians to speak evil of rulers whenever laws are unjust (F)
6. Christians are called to be peaceable, gentle members of society (T)
7. Obedience motivated only by fear of punishment honors God (F)
8. Christians are servants of God even while submitting to human authority (T)
9. Paying taxes honestly even when no one would notice reflects Christian duty (T)
10. All modern government regulations align with God’s design for justice (F)

### **Questions/Answer Key – CIVICS REVIEW:**

1. Who wrote *The Law*? (Frederic Bastiat)
2. What term does Bastiat use for the law being used to steal? (legal plunder)
3. According to Bastiat, what is the proper purpose of law? (to protect life, liberty, and property)
4. What word does Bastiat use for law acting opposite its purpose? (perversion)
5. In Philippians, “conversation” means what? (citizenship)
6. Bastiat says people respond to plunder by doing what two things? (fighting it or joining it)
7. What does Proverbs say exalts a nation? (righteousness)
8. What biblical word is used for the evil rulers are meant to punish? (harm)
9. Titus 3 commands Christians to obey whom? (magistrates, officials)
10. Christians submit to government ultimately for whose sake? (the Lord’s)