

# **Lesson 10**

## **Honor God's Name**

### **Lesson Overview**

BIBLE LESSON: Psalm 105:1-3

MEMORY VERSE: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.  
Psalm 103:1

CHALLENGE MEMORY VERSE: Oh give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples. Psalm 105:1

CATECHISM: The Second Commandment: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, conjure, lie, or deceive, by His Name, but call upon Him in every time of need, and worship Him with prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

LESSON OBJECTIVES:

The student will:

- understand the beauty and power of God's Name.
- use God's name with love and respect.

MATERIALS: Bibles, lessons, activity sheets, have memory verse(s) written on the board

LESSON OVERVIEW: The first commandment says we should fear, love, and trust God above all things. When the Pharisees tried to trick Jesus by asking which was the greatest commandment, Jesus summed up the law for them, saying, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind (Matthew 22:37,38). In the Second Commandment, God tells us how to use His Name. To love God is to love His name. Jesus teaches us to honor God's name when He teaches us how to pray.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS: 1) What does God's name tell us about Him? 2) What happens to us and in us when we say God's Name? 3) How can we honor God's Name? 4) Are there ways we could dishonor God's name? How? 5) Is God's name more than just a word? Why?

ACTIVITY 1: A word fill in of the Second Commandment and then take letters from this to make a statement at the bottom.

ACTIVITY 2: A word find puzzle, the words to find are listed on the side of the page, words that are used in the lesson.

# TEACHER PREPARATION

## Prepare to Teach

Thank God for the privilege of being a Sunday School teacher. Pray that you will set a good example for children. Pray that you will share the love of God's name with the children.

## Prayer Preparation

- Talk to God in a child-like way about your personal needs.
- Pray for the children in your class individually by name. Pray for others who may attend. God knows their names.
- Spend some time in heart-to-heart conversation with the Lord.

## Bible Background

Exodus 20:7, Psalm 105:1-3, Matthew 22:37, 38.

The first commandment says that we should fear, love, and trust God above all things. Jesus said that this is the first and greatest commandment: "Thou shalt love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Mt. 22:37,38 (KJV).

In the second commandment, God instructs us in the use of His name. To love God is to love His name. Jesus teaches us to honor God's name when He teaches us to pray.

A person's name describes the person's character. The name IS the person. We see that in the way people use our names. You don't like it when people say your name wrong, forget it, or make fun of it. If they do, you take it personally. Why? Because your name is you and you don't like to be abused or forgotten.

God's name means something to Him too. The word "name" as Jesus used it in the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:9) is not just a title. The name of God in scripture or "Thy name," implies the title, person, power, authority, character and reputation of God.

The Hebrew people at that time didn't even dare to speak it. God's name, "I AM", was written YHWH (also Yahweh or Jehovah. In our Bibles now it is represented by the word, "LORD", with the letters O, R, and D in smaller capital letters. Yahweh, "I AM" is deserving of all respect and adoration.

In the New Testament the power of the name of God, of the name of Jesus, is at the heart of the early church. Everything they do is "in the name of Jesus". In that name rests all power, authority, prestige of the character of the living God.

Through our relationship to God through Jesus Christ, by faith in Him, we become children of God. As children of God, we ought to love and honor God's name. God is holy, as is His name. God's name is to be honored in all the life and activity of the Christian and in the church. His name is important in prayer and prayer always includes adoration. Remember the prayer acronym ACTS- adoration, confession, thanksgiving and supplication. But God's name is also to be honored in music, in worship and in the life we live before others. True prayer and praise come from within, from the soul that is blessed with the presence of God. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me bless His holy name" (Psalm 103:1) When the heart is right with in, then our witness (our lives lived before others) will convey the inner presence of God and will honor Him. When we treat it as the holy name it is, we honor God.

## Learn the New Words

*It is okay to explain the new words in the beginning or as you encounter them.*

**Dependable:** trustworthy, reliable.

**hallowed:** made holy, set aside for a special purpose

**misuse:** use incorrectly or in a wrong way, mistreat

**deceive:** lead someone to believe something that is not true, trick someone

**purposely:** intentionally, not by accident

## BEGINNING YOUR CLASS HOUR

### Welcome and Opening Prayer

Greet the children as they arrive.

Open the class with prayer. Thank God that we can pray to Him and that He hears us. Praise God for His Holy name. Pray that we will use God's name with love and respect.

### Read the Memory Verse

Remember the appendix of ways to teach memorization of the verse. Read it clearly,

“Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Psalm 103:1”

Read it together aloud. Remind the children you'll repeat the verse again at the end.

### Review the Recent Lessons

Remember we have been learning about the First Commandment. Review the words fear, love and trust. Abraham, Peter and John and the rich young ruler were in the First Commandment lessons. See if the students can remember something from the stories in the last 3 lessons.

## TEACHING TODAY'S BIBLE LESSON

### Introduce the Lesson

Ask the question, have you heard anyone talk about God or say His name at home, at school or anywhere you have been in this past week. Read the Second Commandment and its meaning. Our lesson today will help us understand how to honor God's name.

### Read the Lesson

Read the first two paragraphs. Names are very important. God's name tells us about Him. God is powerful. He lives forever—He always has been and always will be God. When we say God's name, we are reminded of who God is. God is powerful. God is beautiful. God can always be trusted. God gives us good things. God is always with us.

God's Name includes everything that makes God who He is.

*Keep in mind, "Name" does not only mean the literal words/name "LORD" or "I AM" but all of what makes God who He is. Note Luther's Catechism & Explanation Q #38 - "What is meant by the name of God?"*

- 1. The usual names given to Him in the Bible*
- 2. His nature and attributes and all by which He is especially known, such as His Word, sacraments, and works.*

Read the third paragraph. The second phrase of the Lord's Prayer says that we should hallow God's name. Hallow is a word we don't hear very much today. It means to treat something as holy, right and perfect. God's name is holy and we should always treat it like it is. This is honoring God's name.

Ask: **How do we honor God's name?** Help the students find the lesson text, Psalm 105: 1-3. Read the verses together.

*We honor God's name when we praise Him, by saying good things about Him, and by singing songs to and about Him, like David did. We honor God when we thank him for our food and for His many blessings.*

Ask: **How would we dishonor God's name?** Listen to the children's answers. Write them on the blackboard if they have many ideas.

*We misuse God's name when we swear by it falsely. Some people say, "I swear to God" and then tell a lie. If a person does this in a court of law, they could go to jail. When we use God's name, we should only say what is true.*

We can also misuse God's name if we use it carelessly. You may not know this, but the letters, "OMG" stand for "Oh, my God." Saying or texting "OMG" is a way of dishonoring God's name.

If we have misused God's name, we can tell Him we are sorry and ask him to forgive us. God loves us and wants to forgive when we ask.

Read (or invite a volunteer to read) the last two paragraphs. God will help us to love and

honor His wonderful name. God didn't keep His Name a secret. He gave it to us as a precious gift. He will hear us when we call on His Name.

## **Read the Catechism:**

Consider as noted in teaching the lesson that you read this Commandment at the beginning

The Second Commandment: Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His Name in vain.

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At this point using the first activity will reinforce this Commandment

## **Repeat the Memory Verses**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Psalm 103:1

# APPLYING THE BIBLE LESSON

## Do the Activities Together


### Word Discovery

#### Activity 1

Write the missing words from the Second Commandment. Then use the numbers to fill in the blanks at the bottom.

**Activity 1**

**WORD DISCOVERY**



Write the missing words from the Second Commandment.

Thou shalt not take the  N A M E   
1 5 12

of the  L O R D  your God in  V A I N ;  
2 8 11

for the  L O R D  will not hold him  
4 8 7

G U I L T L E S S   
6 9

that taketh His  N A M E  in vain.  
10 15

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Look at the numbers above. Then write the correct letters in the numbered blanks below to discover an important message.

H	O	N	O	R
1	2	3	4	5
G	O	D	S	
6	7	8	9	10
N	A	M	E	
10	11	12	13	14

**CATECHISM**

**The Second Commandment**

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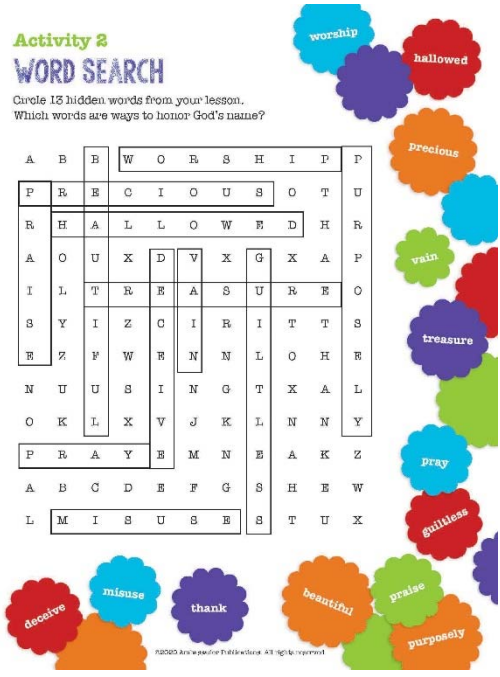
### Word Search

#### Activity 2

Find the words listed on the side of the page in the puzzle.

**Activity 2**

**WORD SEARCH**



Circle 15 hidden words from your lesson. Which words are ways to honor God's name?

A	B	B	W	O	R	S	H	I	P	P
P	R	E	E	C	I	O	U	S	O	T
R	H	A	L	L	O	W	E	D	H	R
A	O	U	X	D	V	X	G	X	A	P
I	L	T	R	E	A	S	U	R	E	O
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O	K	L	X	V	J	K	L	N	N	Y
P	R	A	Y	E	M	N	E	A	K	Z
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	S	H	E	W
L	M	I	S	U	S	E	S	T	U	X

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# CLOSING YOUR CLASS HOUR

### Closing Prayer

Ask about prayer requests. Allow students to pray if they choose. Allow time for silent prayer. Encourage students to bow their heads and close their eyes.

## **Additional Teaching Options**

### **Hymns and Songs:**

Possible Song: "Bless the Lord, Oh My Soul"

There is an Andrae Crouch song with these words from Ps. 103 1... They continue with "He has done great things, bless His holy name."

### **Additional activities for a multi-age class:**