

✦ NAME IN VAIN ✦



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SMALL GROUP

FAITH 5 TIME HANDOUT



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THE FAITH 5

SHARE, READ, TALK, PRAY, BLESS



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THEME VERSE

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FAITH 5™ TIME

Model this five-step process at church today, then bring it on home!



SHARE your highs and lows of the week one-on-one with another person. Listen carefully and record their thoughts in the space below. Then return to small group and share your friend's highs and lows with the group.

MY HIGH THIS WEEK

MY LOW THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S HIGH THIS WEEK

MY FRIEND'S LOW THIS WEEK



READ and highlight the theme verse in your Bible.



CATECHISM CONNECTION

Go over Questions 24-34 (pg 61-67) in the Small Catechism and discuss.

Open up your catechism to help you answer the following questions.

1. What is God's name? When do we sin against God's name?
2. Think about all the swearing in movies, TV, music, books, and magazines. Is there something we can do about it? Are you ever afraid that when you hear so much swearing, you might start swearing?
3. List ways people dishonor God with respect to His holy name; list ways God commands His people to honor His name.
4. How does a hypocrite use God's name in vain?
5. Why is using satanic arts sinful?
6. When we remember God's goodness to us, what might Christians do in response?



CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE

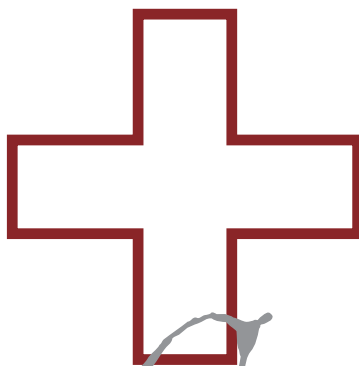
You have a name and so does God. How would you feel if your name was used as a curse word? You would not like it, neither does God. Not only that, but our names say something about who, and whose we are. Names have a power in and of themselves.

When you were baptized, God took you into his special family of faith and gave you His name. Because God is holy, He desires us to use his name to talk with others about His will for our lives and about His goodness to us.

Excerpt from the Large Catechism

As the First Commandment has inwardly instructed the heart and taught faith, so this commandment lead us outward and directs the lips and tongue into the right relation to God. (371:50)

God at the same time gives us to understand that we are to sue his namely properly, for it ahs been revealed and given to us precisely for our use and benefit. Since we are forbidden here to use the holy name in support of falsehood or wickedness, it follows; conversely, that we are commanded to use in the service of truth and all that is good – for example, when we swear properly where it is necessary and required (373:63-64)



Sola Gratia

GRACE ALONE



TALK about how today's verse relates to your highs and lows. Then choose from the options below and have some fun digging deeper into the theme together. Take turns leading this.

✦ ART ATTACK & MINDZEYE GALLERY

What do you see in today's theme art or your own drawings?
How do the art and the theme verse relate to each other?
How do they relate to your highs and lows?

✦ ROLE PLAY

Assign roles and take turns acting out the following:

A friend swears a lot. She says it's no big deal. What might you say or do to share how her language offends you and disrespects God without looking judgmental?

✦ QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Share your thoughts on the questions below:

1. In Bible times, people didn't even dare whisper the name of God out loud for fear of breaking this commandment. Today "God" is simply a fill word in our conversations. Do you think God cares how we use God's name? Why or why not?
2. How do cursing and swearing relate to respect and disrespect?
3. Where and with whom are you most likely to use "garbage" language? How can you start to change this situation?

✦ QUOTATIONS

Choose a quotation on the right and share why you chose it.

QUOTATIONS TO CHEW ON

CONTRARY TO POPULAR BELIEF, GOD'S LAST NAME IS NOT "DAMMIT!"

BUMPER STICKER

FEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS LOOK UPON THE LANGUAGE WHICH THEY SPEAK AND WRITE AS AN ART. YET IT IS, OR OUGHT TO BE, THE NOBLEST OF ALL THE ARTS, LOOKED UPON WITH RESPECT, EVEN WITH REVERENCE, AND USED ALWAYS WITH CARE, COURTESY, AND THE DEEPEST RESPECT.

MARY ELLEN CHASE

ONE HAS TO GROW UP WITH GOOD TALK IN ORDER TO FORM THE HABIT OF IT.

HELEN HAYES

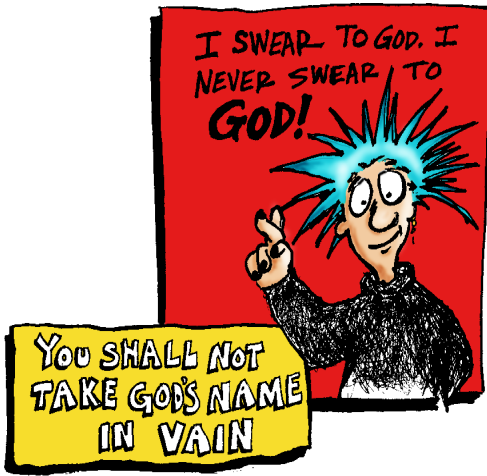
LIPS SAY "GOD BE PITIFUL," WHO NE'ER SAID "GOD BE PRAISED."

ELIZABETH BARRETT BROWNING



Play this online game using FINKlink

LF02 @ www.faithink.com



† TERMS Write a group definition of these words:

CURSE

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PRAISE

SWEAR

THANKSGIVING



PRAY

for one another. Gather in a circle and lock arms. Praise and thank God for your highs. Ask God to be with you in your lows. Pray for your friend's highs and lows and for your world. Close in Jesus' name.

A PRAISING PRAYER

A THANKING PRAYER

AN ASKING PRAYER



BLESS

one another by name. Trace the sign of the cross on a forehead or palm as you share these words or another favorite blessing:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY THE BEAUTY AND GRACE OF GOD’S SPIRIT BE REFLECTED IN YOUR HEART AND ON YOUR LIPS THIS DAY. AMEN.”

**† REMEMBER
1 THING**

Our Almighty God is the most awesome being in the universe. The name of God deserves respect and reverence.



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Keep your family communicating every night and grow together in insight, love and your understanding of one another and God. Try this simple five-step process just before bed for maximum impact. New to the process? Focus on step 1 initially, and grow from there. Check out www.faithink.com, FINKlink LFO2 for additional games, songs, and devotions on this theme.



SHARE your highs and lows of the day.



READ and highlight these verses—one a day—in your Bible.

WEEK 1

- Day 1 Exodus 20:7
- Day 2 Psalm 102:8
- Day 3 Malachi 4:2a
- Day 4 Job 2:9
- Day 5 Matthew 5:34-35
- Day 6 Matthew 5:36-37
- Day 7 Review - Exodus 20:7

WEEK 2

- Day 1 Psalm 104:33
- Day 2 Psalm 141:2
- Day 3 Proverbs 15:2
- Day 4 Proverbs 26:2
- Day 5 Hosea 4:2-3
- Day 6 Psalm 113:3
- Day 7 Review - Exodus 20:7



TALK about your highs and lows in relation to the verse for the day. Ask “How does this verse relate to our highs and lows?” and “What might God be saying to us today?”



PRAY for one another. Praise and thank God for today’s highs. Ask for help with today’s lows. Include highs and lows of your family, friends and world in this prayer. Close in Jesus’ name.



BLESS one another using the following blessing, marking one another with the sign of the cross:

“(NAME), CHILD OF GOD, MAY THE BEAUTY AND GRACE OF GOD’S SPIRIT BE REFLECTED IN YOUR HEART AND ON YOUR LIPS THIS DAY. AMEN.”

FAMILY COVENANT: *We have shared the FAITH 5™ together as a family this week.*

Parent’s Signature

Teen’s Signature

Date