

The LORD's Name in Vain

Exodus 20:7; Deuteronomy 5:11

1. **Guiltless**

2. **Name**

3. **LORD**

4. **Take**

Application:

For Your Family:

Tell the story of your child's name (or your name). Explain how you chose their name, and why it is important to you.

Tell the story of the *Burning Bush* from Exodus 3:1–18.

Explain how the bush was on fire, but didn't burn up. This got Moses' attention. When he got close, God told him to take off his sandals, because he was standing on holy ground. God told Moses he was going to rescue his people from Egypt, and was sending Moses to talk to Pharaoh (the leader of the Egyptians). Moses asked God, "If Pharaoh asks me what your name is, what shall I say?" God answered, "I AM WHO I AM."

Explain how God was saying that he always was, and always would be. He was the only God. (This will be a difficult concept for younger children; just explain that this name means God is powerful and important.)

Talk about how we are careful when we address someone important, like a teacher, or coach, or doctor. We don't call them by their first name; that would be considered rude. We usually call them by their title and their last name. We want to be respectful.

Read together the third commandment:

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Explain that this means we are to always show respect for God's name. We should never talk about Him or His Name in a disrespectful way.

Review the first three commandments:

Put God First

Worship Him Only

Keep God's Name Holy

Pray together that you will always keep God's name holy, and that you will never be disrespectful to Him or His Name.