

Topic: The Ten Commandments – Caring for the Lord’s Name

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

Elementary:

Verse: “You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain...” (Exodus 20:7a).

Focus: The third commandment is that man should not use the Lord’s name in vain. It is a blessing and privilege for us to know God and to know His name.

Practical Application: Randomly point to a child in the room and ask the others, “Who is that?” After the children have responded with that child’s name, point out that if you want to know a person you need to know his or her name. Our God wants us to know who He is so He has told us His name.

Intermediate:

Verses: “You shall not take the name of Jehovah your God in vain...” (Exodus 20:7a).
“...and to love the name of Jehovah...” (Isaiah 56:6b).

Focus: The third commandment is that man should not use the Lord’s name in vain. People in the world may use God’s name in a light way or even in a cursing way; but we, His people, should honor His name.

Practical Application: Call out someone’s name in the room, but then ignore or appear uninterested when that person responds to you. Point out how this is to use someone’s name in vain. A name denotes a person. When we say a person’s name it implies that we want that person. Would you like it if people said your name in a joking way or if they used your name in a blaming way every time something went wrong? Today many people use God’s name (Jehovah or Jesus) in a vain or cursing way. But we should be those who say God’s name with love and respect.

Advanced:

Verse: “And there is salvation in no other, for neither is there another name under heaven given among men in which we must be saved” (Acts 4:12).

Focus: The third commandment is that man should not use the Lord’s name in vain. We do not say the Lord’s name in a light or cursing way. The Lord’s name is the only name in which man can be saved.

Practical Application: Give some of the children in the room an item to hold (pencil, cup, etc.). Ask one of the children who does not have an item what the proper way would be for them to get one of the items. Illustrate that the proper way would be to address the child with the item by calling his or her name and then to ask for the item nicely. The name Jesus means Jehovah our Savior or Jehovah our salvation. We should not use the Lord Jesus’ name in vain. We should treasure His name because it is the only name by which we can receive salvation.