

Redeemer Lutheran Church

2nd Commandment

I. Prayer

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

II. Before You Begin

- ❖ What questions do you have about God's name?
- ❖ In the margin of your Catechism list all your questions pertaining to this topic.

III. Into Luther's Small Catechism

- ❖ Read pages 67- 73 of the Catechism.

IV. Engage in Activity

- ❖ *Create*- List as many names of God as you can think of. (See Luke 1:39-56 and think about hymns or praise songs for names of God.) Take a rock and write your favorite name of God on it. Display it in a place where you will see it daily.
- ❖ *Active*- On sticky notes, write all the ways you can keep God's name holy and then write all the ways you don't keep God's name holy. Place them on a counter or wall. Conclude with the reflection below.
- ❖ *Reflect*- Answer the following questions: what ways is it easy for you to keep this commandment? What ways do you break this commandment?

V. Application

- ❖ *Know*-God's name is holy (set apart). He invites us to use His name to call upon Him, sing His praises, and give Him thanks.
- ❖ *Do*- Seek to be more aware of how you use God's name (good or bad). Seek to be aware of how others use God's name (good or bad).

VI. Prayer

- ❖ *Wow*- Praise God that He has given His beautiful name to call upon Him.

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- ❖ *Sorry-* Confess sins where you have misused God's name. *(continued on back)*
- ❖ *Thanks-* Give thanks that we have full access to our Father at any time.
- ❖ *Please-* Ask God for help to use His name appropriately.

VII. Digging Deeper (Other helpful resources on this topic)

All links listed below can be found at redeemerjackson.org/grow/affirmation-of-faith

❖ Video

- [Luther's Small Catechism Study Videos-Second Commandment](#)
- [Sing the Faith-Second Commandment Song](#)

❖ Podcasts

- [What Does It Mean to Have a God? A look over the first and second commandments and their explanation in Martin Luther's Large Catechism.-Thinking Fellows \(1517\)](#)
- [The Second Commandment-Outlaw God with Steven Paulson \(1517\)](#)
- [Taking God's Name in Vain \(The Bible Project\)](#)

❖ Reading

- *Luther's Large Catechism* portion on the Second Commandment
- Exodus 3
- ["The Radical Book for Kids" by Champ Thornton](#)