

Lesson 3

God's Name-Adorable Name

Objective:

By the end of this lesson, students will understand the importance of 2nd commandment and the significance of honouring God's name and will commit to using it with respect and reverence in their daily lives.

Introduction (Starter):

Begin the lesson by asking the students if they know why names are important. Discuss with them the significance of names in identifying individuals and the special meaning behind each person's name.

A small story to explain the importance of God's name.

Once upon a time, in a village lived a cheerful boy named Timmy. Timmy was known for his playful spirit and his love for exploring every nook and cranny of his colourful village. One sunny afternoon, Timmy noticed his friend Sarah sitting under a shady tree, her face scrunched up in concentration.

Curious, Timmy approached Sarah and asked, "What are you doing, Sarah?"

Sarah looked up, a twinkle in her eye, and replied, "Oh, hi Timmy! I'm just thinking about something very important."

Intrigued, Timmy plopped down beside her and asked, "What's on your mind?"

Sarah smiled and began her tale:

"Timmy, do you know how special our names are? They're like a piece of who we are, given to us by our parents with love and care."

Timmy nodded; his curiosity piqued. "Yes, my name was given to me by my mom and dad because they wanted me to always remember how much they love me."

Sarah continued, "Exactly! And just like our names given by our parents are precious to us, God's name is even more special. It's a name that holds the power of love, kindness, and all the wonderful things in the world."

Timmy's eyes widened with wonder. "God has a name too?"

Sarah nodded enthusiastically. "Yes, Timmy! And just like we use our parents' names with love and respect, we should use God's name in the same way. It's a name that deserves honour and reverence because it represents everything good and beautiful in the world."

Timmy listened intently as Sarah explained further, "When we say God's name with love and respect, it's like giving Him a big hug or saying thank you for all the amazing things He does for us every day. "Timmy smiled, understanding dawning on his face. "So, just like I want people to say my name with kindness, I should say God's name with kindness too!"

Sarah nodded; her heart filled with joy. "Exactly, Timmy! And when we speak God's name with love and respect, we spread His light and goodness to everyone around us."

As Timmy and Sarah sat together, basking in the warmth of their newfound understanding, they made a promise to always use God's name with love and respect, just like they did with their parents' names. And from that day on, their village echoed with the sweet sound of God's name spoken with kindness and reverence by all who lived there.

Presentation of the topic:

The chapter "God's Name - Adorable Name" underscores the significance of treating God's name with reverence and respect. It draws from both the Old and New Testaments to illustrate the sacredness attached to God's name. In the Old Testament, God's response to Moses about His name—"I AM WHO I AM"—highlights the incomprehensible nature of God. Similarly, Jesus emphasized the sanctity of God's name in the New Testament, addressing God as "Abba" and praying for the glorification of His name.

The chapter emphasizes the importance of using God's name respectfully, avoiding blasphemy, swearing, and impure speech. It extends this reverence to holy figures, sacred places, and objects. Additionally, it discusses the significance of Christian names, given in baptism, which reflect divine attributes and serve as reminders of one's identity and calling to imitate the virtues of saints.

Ultimately, the chapter calls believers to honour and glorify God's name in all aspects of life, recognizing its profound significance in their relationship with the divine. By doing so, individuals sanctify their lives and reflect God's holiness to the world.

Video link: <https://youtu.be/ztggf2WkiyY?feature=shared>

Practical Application:

- *Respectful Language:* Use reverent language when referring to God, avoiding casual or irreverent expressions.
- *Avoid Misusing God's Name:* Refrain from swearing or using God's name in vain, honouring the commandment.
- *Reverence in Places of Worship:* Maintain a quiet and respectful demeanour in places of worship, demonstrating reverence for God's presence.
- *Regular Prayer and Worship:* Cultivate a habit of prayer and worship to honor God, incorporating various forms of prayer into daily life.
- *Self-Reflection:* Reflect on personal behaviour and speech to ensure alignment with honoring God's name, making adjustments as necessary.

By providing these practical examples and encouraging students to incorporate them into their daily lives, they can learn to honor God's name with reverence and respect in all they do.

Bible Verse:

John 12:28 - "Father, glorify your name."

In this verse, Jesus is praying to the Father, asking Him to glorify His name. This simple yet profound prayer holds significant meaning and emphasizes the importance of honoring God's name in our lives.

Activity (any two):

- *Name Reflection:* Have each student reflect on the meaning and significance of their own name. Encourage them to share with the class why their name is important to them.
- *Respectful Language Challenge:* Challenge students to go a day without using any disrespectful language or taking the Lord's name in vain. Provide a reward or recognition for those who successfully complete the challenge.
- During a conversation with friends, someone uses God's name in vain. How should you respond?
- You overhear a classmate swearing using God's name out of frustration. What would you do in this situation?
- Your friend asks you to swear by God's name to prove your honesty. How do you respond?
- You see someone disrespecting a sacred object in a church. What actions would you take?
- During a family gathering, a relative starts mocking religious figures. How do you address this behaviour?

Conclusion:

The Respectful Language Challenge provides students with an opportunity to practice using language that reflects respect and reverence for God and others. By participating in the challenge, students can cultivate a habit of speaking in a way that honours God's name and demonstrates love and kindness towards others.