

## God's Commands: GOD'S NAME – Aug 2

### Digging into the Lesson for Parents/Adult Caregivers

#### Dig In to the Bible

- Scriptures: Exodus 20:7; 3:13-14; Deuteronomy 10:17; Isaiah 9:6-7; Revelation 1:8; Psalm 22:3
- In This Passage: God commands us not to misuse his name. The Bible is full of different names for God that describe his holiness, mightiness, and eternal nature. God's name captures who he is, so we respect it.
- Bible Point: We respect God's name when we talk.
- Summary Verse: "Jesus replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind' " (Matthew 22:37).

#### Dig Deeper

- What We're Teaching: *We respect God's name when we talk.* In today's culture, it's very common to use God's name as an exclamation or swearword. Kids have certainly heard this regularly and may even say it themselves. Use this lesson to help kids develop an awe and respect for God's name.

#### Dig In to Prayer

- What does God's name mean to you? Why is it special?

### Worship & Core Bible Discovery

- Play Preschool Teaching Video for Aug 2

### Reinforce the Lesson

- Play Theo the Puppet Video
- Create the "God Loves Me" craft



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### God Loves Me

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#### Supplies

- "God Loves Me" handout printed on cardstock or white paper
- piece of cardstock or another sheet of paper

- scissor
- markers or crayons
- fun stickers
- hole punch
- curling ribbon

### Easy Prep

- Print and Cut apart the “God Loves” handouts.
- Punch 2 holes at the top of each sheet of card stock.
- Cut 1-foot sections of curling ribbon. You’ll need 1 per child.



### Talk About Our Names

Say: **We respect God’s name when we talk because his name is very special. Our names are special, too. Sometimes even hearing our names can be exciting.**

Share about a time hearing *your* name made you feel special. Maybe a friend called you on the phone, maybe you were given an award, or maybe it’s when your kids said “Good morning.”

Ask: • **Tell me about a time you’re excited to hear *your* name.** Kids may say when Mom tells them it’s time for dinner, when Grandma comes to visit, or when a friend comes over to play.

Say: **When someone calls our names in a kind way, that makes us happy. God loves us and is excited when we call his name, too. Saying God’s name as we pray to him and telling others about his love are great ways to say God’s name.**

## **Make a Special Nameplate**

**Say: God loves us and knows our names. Let's make something that shows off our beautiful names and reminds us of God's love.**

- Give each child a "God Loves" handout and a sheet of card stock. Read aloud the phrase on the handout, and explain to kids that they'll be putting their special names on the nameplates.
- Help kids glue the "God Loves" handout in the center of the card stock.
- Help write kids' names on their nameplates.
- Encourage kids to color around the handout and add stickers.
- Help kids thread curling ribbon through the holes in the card stock and tie the ends together.

**Say: Each of us has a special name that tells people who we are. When we hang up our nameplates, we can remember that God loves us and knows our names. God's name is special, too. We can show that we love him by respecting God's name when we talk.**