

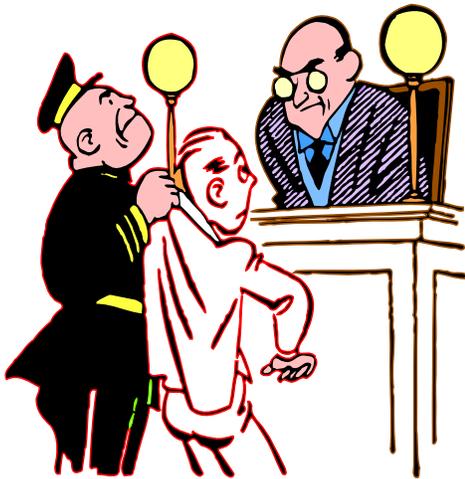
## 5. GOD'S NAME (3rd)

Have you ever taken the name of the Lord your God in vain? What does it mean to take God's name in vain?

When a person swears and says the name of God or Jesus, they are taking God's name in vain. Vain means worthless or useless. When we say God's name and we are not talking about Him, we are saying his name in vain. Some people say the name of God or Jesus, and then add a swear word after it.

### Guilty or Not Guilty?

Are you guilty of taking God's name in vain? No one wants to hear a judge say, "Guilty!"



Quote today's memory verse. What does the last part of Exodus 20:7 say? "Guiltless" means without guilt. It is similar to being found innocent. But the third commandment says God will not hold a person "guiltless" if he takes God's name in vain.

What does the New Testament teach about taking God's name in vain? Jesus taught his disciples to pray, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name" (Matthew 6:9). God's name is holy! Paul taught the need to be careful how we talk (Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 4:6). It is still a sin to take God's name in vain because we learn in the New Testament the importance of keeping God's name holy and not saying bad things.

Think of some good ways to use God's name. Read the following sentences and fill in the missing words. When you are done, write the first letter of each word on the lines below. You will discover a name for God, who is holy.

1. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ taught his disciples to pray.
2. Matthew 12:36 says, "But I say unto you, that \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ idle word that men shall speak, they shall \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ give \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ account thereof in the day of judgment."
3. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ : for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8).
4. When Peter and the other apostles were taken before the council, they said, "We ought to \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ God, rather than men" (Acts 5:29).
5. Exodus 20:7 says, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord your God in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ."
6. Speaking of Jesus, Paul wrote, "Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him , and given him a name which is \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ every name" (Philippians 2:9).
7. Jesus prayed, "Our Father, who art in heaven, \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ be thy name" (Matthew 6:9).

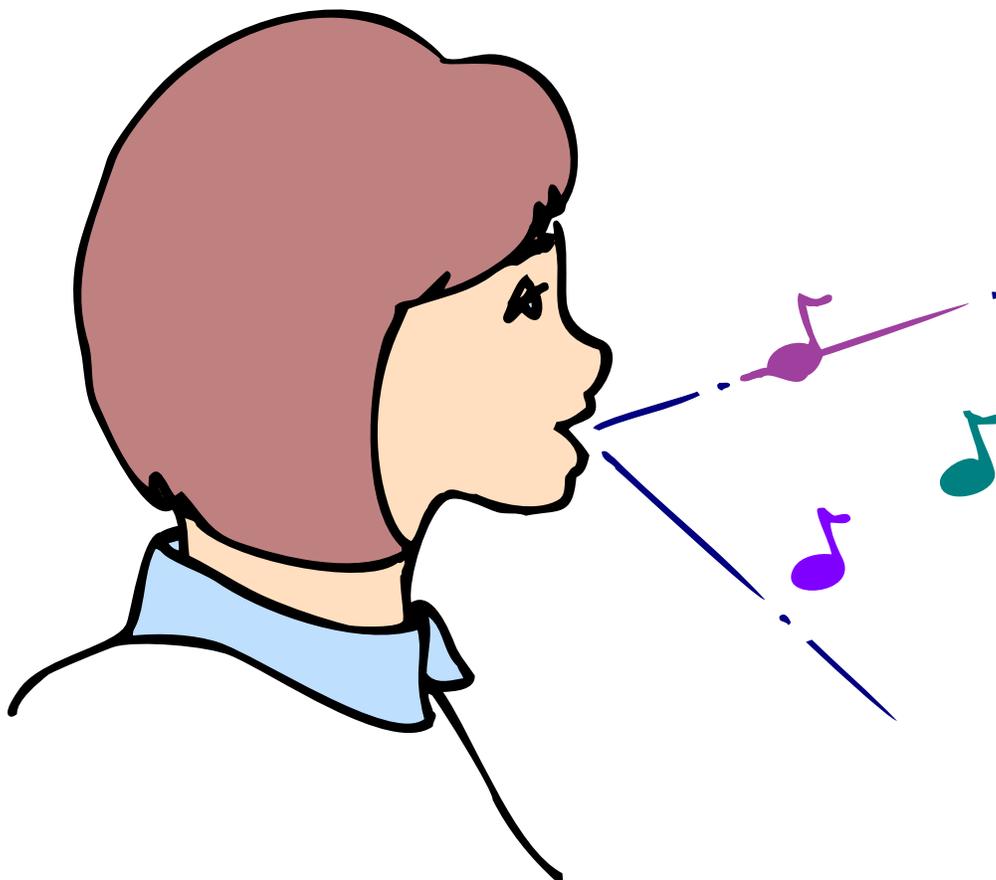
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**NOTE TO THE CUSTOMER:** When you scroll down you will find an activity for younger children. The graphic from the first page and the lady singing below are also provided in a larger version with instructions for making a poster.

Lessons 3 - 12 in **RWS #4** each cover one of the ten commandments given to Moses. There is much confusion in the religious world about "THE TEN COMMANDMENTS." I have clearly explained to the students WHY they must obey nine of the ten -- they are found in new law which is applicable to us today. Children learn WHY the Sabbath (Saturday) is no longer a special day of worship and rest.

The first lesson in **RWS #4** explains the three Bible ages. Three posters can be made and used over and over as children learn to distinguish between the Patriarchal Age, the Mosaical Age, and the Christian Age. All graphics, titles, and descriptions are provided. The graphics may be printed in color if you are downloading or using the CD. If you are using the book, or if you are printing in black and white, the graphics may be colored with markers or colors.

We can use God's name in a respectful way when we are teaching about God, praying to God, or singing about God. Think of some songs which have the words "God," "Jesus," or "Lord" in them, and write the titles below (younger children may paste pre-printed titles).



Cut and paste these song titles on page 2, or cut out the singer, and paste her and the songs on a bigger page.

JESUS LOVES ME

GOD BE WITH YOU

JESUS LOVES THE  
LITTLE CHILDREN

TELL ME THE  
STORY OF JESUS

PRAISE YE THE LORD

GOD IS SO GOOD

LORD'S ARMY

MY GOD AND I