

WWYG — Session 5

Name _____

2nd COMMANDMENT:

THE NAME OF THE LORD

Guide _____

The big idea: *God deserves respect.*

1. Read **Exodus 3:13-15** and any footnotes that go with these verses. What was the first name by which God chose to be called?

2. In ancient biblical times, people didn't even dare whisper the Name of God out loud for fear of breaking this commandment. Today "God" is simply a fill word in our conversation. Do you think God cares how we use God's name? Why or why not?

OK. This is kind of a complicated business, but try to summarize everything you know about this subject:

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3. In his explanation of the Second Commandment in the Small Catechism, Luther lists five ways we can misuse *God's* name. Write them by their correct definitions:

_____ Asking *God* to damn someone

_____ Using *God's* Name to tell an untruth

_____ Taking an oath

_____ Fooling someone by being religious

_____ Trusting something for help or luck; trying to manipulate *God*.

4. Luther also suggests three good ways to use *God's* name.

_____ Showing our respect and admiration for *God*.

_____ Expressing our gratitude for all our blessings.

_____ Asking for our needs and our neighbor's welfare.

5. If using *God's* name as a fill word has crept into your vocabulary, how might you help each other use *God's* name properly?