

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019

4th Grade

- 4:00pm Welcome (*To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese***)
- 4:05pm *We Gather* - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box
- 4:10pm Read about a Saint from the “Patrons and Protectors” series (*Occupations, More Occupations and In Times of Need*) by Brother Michel (Mickey) McGrath and show the artwork – Brother Mickey puts the Holy Spirit (*symbolized by a white dove*) somewhere in each painting ... see if you can find Him☺
- 4:15pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*use chapter test in book*)
- 4:20pm **Chapter #10 “The 2nd Commandment”**
“You shall not take the name of the Lord, your God, in vain.”

We should use God’s name, and those whose names we use in prayers, with respect. “The Lord’s name is holy. For this reason, man must not abuse it. He must keep it in mind in silent, loving adoration. He will not introduce it into his speech except to bless, praise and glorify it.” (ccc 2143) Why would God command us to be careful how we use His name? It is because God is Holy, pure, perfect, and righteous. To use His name is to bring attention to who He is, acknowledge His existence.

- *We Believe* –

Psalm – a song of praise to honor the Lord.

Bless – to dedicate someone or something to God or to make holy in God’s name.

Reverence – honor, love and respect.

Sacred – another word for holy.

- *We Respond* – pg 95 of their text book. Have the students create a public service announcement that teaches people to use God’s name with respect. You will not be asking the students to do anything at home this is to be completed in class. You can split them into groups or do it as a class. Please have someone write the announcement clearly on the paper supplied by Religious Ed and make sure it’s legible.

- 4:55pm Closing Prayer – the Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth
as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

Amen.

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

What does it mean to take the Lord's name in vain?

As you can see, God tells us something not to do. He wants us to not use God's name in vain. What does it mean to not take God's name in vain? "In vain" it means to lack the proper respect and substance belongs in a statement and or intention or God's name is invoked. In other words, to take the Lord's name in vain means to use it in a manner that is not reverent. The phrase, "the Lord's name," includes words such as "God," "Lord," "Jesus," and "Christ." These words are never to be used in any form of exclamation, swearing, or disrespect such as "Oh my ***." They are always and only supposed to be used in a manner that glorifies God.

Swearing

The entertainment industry is full of examples of people using the Lord's name in vain. You only need to watch TV, a sitcom, a movie, awards banquet, etc. for a short time in order to hear the name of God invoked in a casual or flippant way. Of course, this is not limited to the entertainment industry. People at work, school, and even our friends and family sometimes routinely use God's name and title in exclamations of amazement, ridicule, and other emotional, explosive situations. This is wrong.

Humor

Sometimes people will take God's name in vain by making a joke about God, or some situation dealing with the truth of God's word, the person of Christ, or God in general. You should not participate in any situation where a joke, or in innuendo, or disrespectful intention about God is used in humor.

God told me

Sometimes people will invoke the name of God when they say "God told me to..." or "God told me that..." and it turns out that what they're stating is not true. In that sense, they have used the name of God in vain.

Unfortunately, too many people get a sensation and then immediately say that God told them something. Everyone should be extremely cautious about invoking God's name to further their own status, interests, or whatever it might be in relation to themselves and to other people.

Misrepresenting God

There are many instances where God is misrepresented by false religious systems, movies, radio, magazines, plays. God has revealed himself in the Bible, and we should restrict our understanding and teachings about him to that which is revealed therein.

Conclusion

We should only use God's name, title, etc. in a manner that shows reverence, respect, and honor. We should never be casual about it, never use it in swearing, never use it in humor or God is or his name is what is laughed at.

What is God's name?

1. In the Hebrew, there are four consonants used to spell God's name. In English we see them as YHWH. We pronounce them as Jehovah or Yahweh.
2. The name Jehovah comes from the Hebrew verb to be.
3. In Exodus , Moses was at the burning bush and he asked God what His name was. God replied, "I AM WHO I AM"; and He said, "Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"
 1. God is the infinite being. He is the one who inhabits eternity. Psalm 90:2 says, "Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God."
 2. God is the one who inhabits eternity. **He is the eternal being.**
 3. He didn't say His name was Frank, or Bob.
 4. He did not say his name was Baal, Krishna, or Allah, which are all names given to false god's by people.
 5. His name is the transcendent, the eternal, the continuously present and holy pronouncement of "I AM"
 6. We see this as Yahweh, or Jehovah.
4. The exact pronunciation of God's name has been lost, but when you call upon His name, you are calling upon Him.
5. Using His name in any form should be taken with great seriousness.

2. The name of God is Holy because it is self given.

1. It comes from God's own mouth and God is holy. Therefore, the name is holy.
2. God did not adopt the name that some group of people gave to Him.
 1. He disclosed His own name.
3. When you are born, your parents give you a name.
 1. This is because they are over you, because there was a time when you did not exist and your parents needed something to call you. So they named you.
 2. Adam was given dominion over the animals and He was given the right to name them.
4. But no one has dominion over God. No one has the right to name God.
5. God has always existed and He knows who He is.
 1. He is the eternal one. He is the creator. He is the one who has always been. He is the one who was existing before the creation of the universe and before time existed. He is the great, "I AM."
6. Out of God's own nature, out of His own heart, He disclosed His holy name to us. It is self given. His name is Holy and is not to be used in a vain way.

3. **God commands us not to use His name in vain.**

1. The word vain is the Hebrew word shav. It has a variety of translations including emptiness, vanity, falsehood, nothingness, emptiness of speech, lying, and worthlessness.
 1. **To misuse God's name means literally, "to lift it up to or attach it to emptiness."**
 2. No one is to use the Lord's name in this manner.
2. Perhaps you've heard unbelievers use God's name in vain.
 1. They might say, "Oh G-d!" Or "J-sus!" or "J-sus Chri-st!" "GD-it."
3. We Christians can easily see how wrong this is.
4. Unfortunately, I have heard many Christians use God's name in vain and think nothing of it.
 1. **God wants you to guard your words and make sure you are not using God's name in vain even in normal conversation.**
 2. Check yourself to make sure you don't use God's name as an expression of surprise, anger, casual mention, or something in jest.
5. God's name is too holy for that.

4. **Conclusion**

1. The unbeliever can call upon God's name in their hour of need.
2. The unbeliever can discuss the nature and existence of God and in so doing mention His name.
3. But it is only the Christian, who truly has the right to use God's name.
4. This is because of the Cross.
5. Because of the Cross we have access to the throne.
6. Because of the Cross we can pronounce the name of Yahweh without fear.
7. Because of the Cross we can know that the Lord hears us.
8. Because of the Cross you have the right, the privilege, and the responsibility even more so than anyone else in the world, to use God's name in reverence and fear.
9. The Great I AM hears you at all times. Do not use the name of the Lord in vain.

