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The Second Commandment:

“You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.”

The Second Commandment tells us to not use God’s name in disrespectful ways, and calls us to respect God’s name as an expression of our respect and love from Him. There are various ways in which we can use God’s name in vain. When we make false promises or statements, we are taking the Lord’s name in vain. We also disrespect God’s name if we take His name when making frivolous oaths. Finally, we use God’s name in vain when we promise to do bad things using the name of God. Taking the Lord’s name in vain not only causes injury to us as we sin. We also injure others by not being honest and creating mistrust in our relationships with others (Aquinas 1992).



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Exodus 20:7

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Respect in Media *compiled by Pam Bartusiewicz*

These materials are available for you in the IJP School Library, your local library or through the Metropolitan Library System.

Books

Ages: 5-8

Hallinan, P. K.; **Heartprints** . Illustrations and rhyming text show how we can brighten the world with acts of kindness and caring.

Loewen, Nancy; **Treat me right! : Kids talk about respect**. Information about various ways of showing respect is presented in the form of an advice column.

Loomans, Diane **The Lovables in the Kingdom of Self-Esteem**.

Various animals in the Kingdom of Self-Esteem illustrate the different qualities that contribute to being lovable and having self-esteem.

Meiners, Cheri J. **Respect and Take Care of Things**. Talks about picking up after yourself, putting things back where they belong, and asking permission to use other people's things.

Small, Mary; **Being respectful: a book about respectfulness**. Explains what respect is and ways to be respectful.

Ages: 10+

Hiaasen, Carl; **Hoot** . Roy becomes involved in another boy's attempt to save a colony of burrowing owls from a proposed construction site.

Levine, Karen; **Hana's Suitcase**. A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in

alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust center learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.

Taylor, Theodore; **The Cay**. When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, an adolescent white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old black man are stranded on a tiny Caribbean island where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

Movies

Johnny Appleseed (Videocassette). The story of John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed) whose distribution of appleseeds and trees across the Midwest made him a legend and left a legacy

Ages: 5+

The Village of Round and Square Houses (DVD). A grandmother explains to her listeners why in their village on the side of a volcano the men live in square houses and the women in round ones.

Remember the Titans. Rated PG. In 1971, after leading his team to fifteen winning seasons, football coach Bill Yoast is demoted and replaced by Herman Boone. How these two men overcome their differences, and turn a group of hostile young men into champions, plays out in a triumphant story full of soul and spirit.

Audio

Grammer, Red; **Teaching Peace**. compact disc.+ booklet. Contents: Teaching Peace -- Places in the world -- Say Hi! - - I Think You're Wonderful -- Rapp Song -- Barnyard Boogie -- Hooray for the World -- With Two Wings -- Use a Word -- See Me Beautiful -- Shake Your Brains -- Listen.

Respect in Catholic Tradition

In our Catholic churches, there are many examples and opportunities to show **respect** for God.

For example, when we enter and exit church we normally bless ourselves with holy water. God himself, through the action of the priest, blesses ordinary water and endows it with a special dignity. When you dip your hand in the baptismal font you renew your baptismal covenant with Christ – so it shouldn't be taken lightly. It shouldn't be splashed. It shouldn't be done without thought. The next time you bless yourself with holy water at church, remember, with **respect**, these words of St. Paul:

But when the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, he saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior... (Titus 3:5-7, NAB)

Let us all attend mass with a renewed **respect** by thoughtfulness in our actions and reverence in our demeanor and dress.

Source: Madrid, Patrick (2002): *Why is That In Tradition* Huntington, Indiana: Our Sunday Visitor Publishing Division

IJP Parish - Committed to Serve... Celebrating our Faith...

On Sunday October 24th at 11:30 mass Fr. Nacius will be installed as the Infant Jesus of Prague Parish Pastor. This is a time of celebration for Father with the entire IJP community as together we begin a new chapter in our proud history.

Fr. Nacius has requested that we recognize his pastor-ship by serving the community. He has arranged for a St. Vincent DePaul truck to be on campus that weekend to collect lightly used clothing and other items. He has also requested we bring non-perishable food items for the Catholic Charities South Holland Food Pantry. As a gift to father there will be an opportunity to offer a commitment of time or talent to the IJP Parish/School community.

In the days ahead there will be more information about all these events to congratulate , welcome, and thank Fr. Nacius for his leadership, care, and love of IJP as a parish and as brothers and sisters. Please be thinking, praying and preparing about how you, your children, and family can participate in this celebration of faith.

Save the date:

Sunday, October 24th, 11:30 a.m. Mass

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

The
LORD'S
Prayer

The Ten Commandments

1. I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me.
2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
3. Remember the Sabbath Day, to keep it holy.
4. Honor your Father and your Mother.
5. You shall not kill.
6. You shall not commit adultery.
7. You shall not steal.
8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.
9. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.
10. You shall not covet anything that is your neighbor's.



Respect Is What It's All About!

"You Shall Not Take the Name of the Lord, Your God in Vain" (Ex 20:7)

How many times do you hear God's name being used in vain — when someone is angry or upset? Using God's name, and that of our Savior, Jesus Christ, is blasphemy, and is exactly what the Second Commandment instructs us NOT to do. After all, if we love God and worship no other, as the First Commandment tell us, then it is only right that we respect and honor his name just the same.

A good story to recall when thinking of the Second Commandment is that of Job. Job was a wealthy and well respected family man, who was truly devoted to God. As a result of a series of Satan's tests, Job lost everything - his family, his wealth and his health. In response to this tragedy, he said,

"Naked I came forth from my mother's womb,
and naked shall I go back again.
The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away;
blessed be the name of the Lord!" (Jb 1:21)

Despite Job's horrible losses, his devotion to and faith in God remained strong. He said, "We accept good things from God; and should we not accept evil? (Jb 2:10). One day, some of his friends visited him, insisting he must have sinned against God to receive such punishment. He told them he had not done anything to offend his God, and even though he felt he was not deserving of such ill-fortune, he maintained his confidence in God.

However, Job did question why God had afflicted him. Then God appeared to Job and revealed who he is and how he works in mysterious ways. Job was in awe of God's coming to him and sharing his wisdom, and in response to the amazing experience repented his questions and gave honor to his God by saying:

"I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be hindered.
I have dealt with great things that I do not understand;
things too wonderful for me, which I cannot know.
I had heard of you by word of mouth,
but now my eye has seen you.
Therefore, I disown what I have said,
and repent in dust and ashes. (42:2-5)"

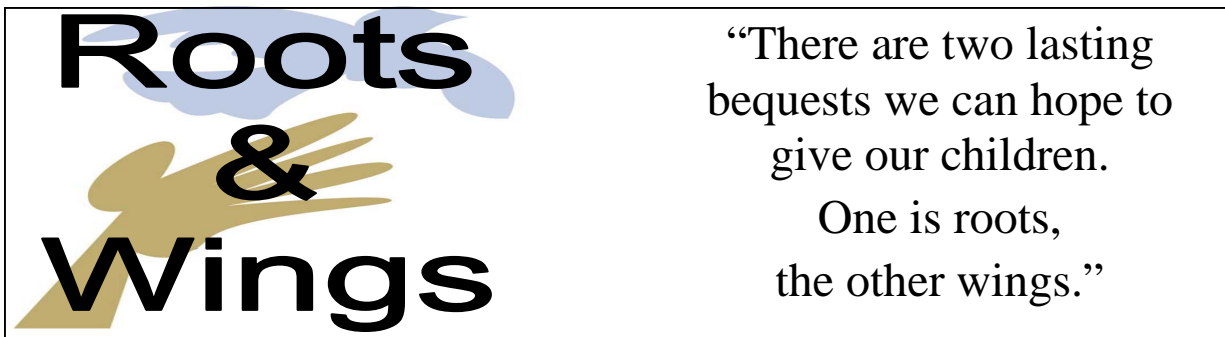
In the end, God restored Job to health and prosperity once again because, despite all of the hard times Job experienced, he always remained faithful to God and praised his name.

Job's story is very important when thinking of the Second Commandment. Because, like Job, we all experience hard times, ups and downs. But what we must remember is that it is God who helps us through these difficult times. And so to honor and show him love and respect, the least we can do is not let our frustrations result in using his name irreverently.

"Blessed be the name of the Lord!"

Resource:

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