

# Going Further Questions

## *10 Values That Strengthen Your Family*

### 3. Learn Reverence

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1. This week we focus on the third commandment, found in Exodus 20:7. Read this verse, remembering that when the Bible says LORD in all capitals, the word in the Hebrew is "Yahweh," which is the name God revealed for himself. The only person in the entire Bible this name was revealed to was Moses in Exodus 3:13-17 (See also Exod. 6:2-3). Throughout the Old Testament, God puts great emphasis on how the Israelites treat his name. For a sampling of this, read the following passages: Exod. 9:16; 20:24; Lev. 22:32; Num. 6:27; 2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Ki. 9:3; Ps. 86:12; 145:1, 21; Isa. 29:22-24; Ezek. 36:20-23; and 39:7, 25. Often in these passages God is talking about his reputation. How does the life the Israelites live affect God's reputation among people who do not believe in him? How does your life affect how other people see Jesus? When they watch you, can they tell you are a follower of Christ by the way you live and treat others? Is there some aspect of your life that would bring shame to God's name if others were to see it? Are you willing to give that up for his sake? Pray for the strength to do that.
2. Read Psalm 25 aloud. As you do, focus on how you use "the LORD" [Yahweh]. Notice verse 11 and the appeal made for the sake of his name. Read it aloud a second time, making it your prayer to God.
3. The name of Jesus is strong and powerful. Read what Jesus says in Matthew 18:18-20.
4. In Mark 9:35-41, Jesus talks about people who do things "in his name." What does it mean to do things in his name? Does it necessarily mean advertising that you are a follower of him? How are you doing things in his name?
5. Jesus says in whose name he comes in John 5:30-47. After reading that, reflect on how Jesus came in this name.
6. Bearing someone's name is not always easy. Jesus promised this to Saul/Paul. Read Acts 9:10-22; this happens just after Saul is blinded on the road to Damascus on his way to persecute Christians. Jesus appeared to him, after which he was blind. From what you know about Paul's life after this, what did he suffer? Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 for a list. Are you willing to suffer to bear the name and the reputation of the living Lord of the universe? Do you trust that he will reward you for the difficult things you do in his name? Take a risk for God's glory.