

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

THE SECOND COMMANDMENT

ACTIVITY

GOD'S NAME

Materials: paper slips, plain-colored round stickers

Ask each person to think of a phrase they often hear where the Word God is inappropriately included. (“____, it was awful” would be a sample.) Pass out a slip of paper and a sticker to each person. Ask them to write the phrase but to place a sticker where the word *God* might otherwise appear. Collect the slips. Substitute student names on all the stickers. Redistribute them, and have students read their slips aloud.

Ask, _____, **how did it feel to hear your name so much?** (Accept responses.) Continue, **If you used my name, I may think you are making fun of me, or I'd start ignoring you if you called me because I'd assume you didn't mean it.** (Let that sink in a bit.) Ask, **Why do you think it's God's name that gets trashed and not some other name?**

Finish the activity by doing something (e.g., join in prayer, sing a song, create a poster) that honors God's name. As part of this activity, be sure to thank Jesus for His forgiveness for our misuse of God's name and ask for His strength to keep God's name holy.