



d. 2 Kings 23:19-25

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e. Galatians 1:6-9

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choice to serve the true God or to serve false gods. Talk about how each of these actions either honors or dishonors God's holy name. Add other actions that you think of as a class.

- Going to church regularly.
• Saying words such as "God," "Jeez," "Good Lord," and "Gosh."
• Wearing a cross around your neck.
• Walking away from a group when others are swearing.
• Ignoring a friend's criticism of the Christian way of life.
• Volunteering to help with a youth worship service.

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We want to live God-pleasing lives because God lovingly and graciously gave His only Son for us. Our lives are a response to His love. We can never be perfect, but because Jesus died for us and rose again, He has made us "right" with God, and our heavenly Father lovingly forgives and accepts us. Read 1 Corinthians 10:23-33. Describe a Christian's motive in your own words.

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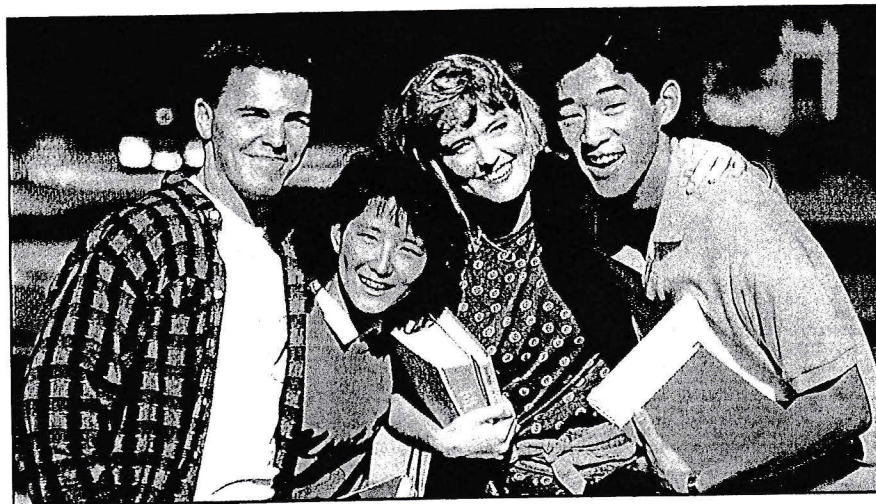
a. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

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KEEPING GOD'S NAME HOLY

According to Luther's words, nothing we do makes God's name any holier than it already is. Yet we help keep it holy by living according to God's will, by telling others about God, and by using His name in ways that show our respect for Him.

We are like the people in the Bible who had the choice to keep God's name holy or to dishonor it by their actions. Like Joshua and the children of Israel, we have the



GIVE GOD THE GLORY

When God called to Moses from the burning bush, He set him apart for a sacred mission. Moses returned to Egypt looking the same as when he left, only older, and yet he was very different.

1. God has set you apart for a sacred mission. Though He didn't call to you from a burning bush, God chose you to be His child through an act as miraculous as the burning bush incident. What was this action God took to set you apart for His holy mission? See Romans 6:3-4.

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2. What characteristics did God give you at the time He set you apart for His holy mission? Read 1 Peter 2:9-10.

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3. By His action in Baptism, God sets us apart to glorify Him. His name is forever upon us, and we are His children, named after Jesus Christ. He leads us to live differently than those who don't know Him as their Lord and Savior. What does God's power through the Holy Spirit help us to do?

a. John 6:40

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b. John 15:8

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c. John 15:12

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## OWNING GOD'S FAMILY NAME

Even as God's children we do not always live our lives to His glory. We sin and dishonor the name God gave us through Baptism. Still, God continues to forgive us repentant sinners and makes us holy (set apart) through faith in Jesus Christ. Then the Holy Spirit once again gives us the power to live our lives as His people. He helps us to change and grow, giving us strength to become more like Him.

*Each day before his son left the house to walk to the school bus stop, a father put his hands on his son's shoulders and said, "Remember whose son you are and to what family you belong." What can these words say to us about our relationship to our Lord and our walk through this life?*

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Show who you are, show your faith and Jesus' love to others through your Christlike words and actions. What are some ways you can keep God's name holy and live your life to honor Him? Brainstorm ideas with a partner, then pray that the Holy Spirit would help you live according to all that is implied in your name—Christian!

## TO REVIEW AND REMEMBER

Psalm 103:1: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

The First Petition and its explanation.

