

Hallowed Be Thy Name

Opening Prayer Heavenly Father, You are holy. As we learn about the prayer You taught us to pray, help us grow closer to You as we learn from You. Guide us so that we might understand who You are and how we can keep Your name holy in all that we do. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Fill in the Blank/Questions—Responding to the Talk in the Big Room

- The question that the Lord's prayer answers is: _____?
- The word *holy* describes God's _____. What does the word *holy* mean? Set _____, sacred, or totally _____.
- How is God's name kept holy? When God's Word is taught in truth and when we _____ according to it.

What Does This Mean? (Catechism Time)

Open your catechisms to p.182. Read through the "How is God's name kept holy?" section and then fill in the blanks below:

God's name is kept holy when the _____ is taught in its _____ and purity, and we, as the children of God, also lead _____ according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in heaven! But anyone who _____ or _____ contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!

Questions for Your Crew (*Be sure to write your thoughts!*)

- What is something that you or your family considers holy?
 - What happens when something comes up that messes with whatever that is?
 - Why do you think that whatever you're thinking about is holy for you or your family?
- So, God is holy. He is set apart. What makes God different than the rest of this world? What makes God completely other?
- I want you to imagine that you were standing face-to-face with God. What would be your first reaction? Why?
- In this part of the Lord's Prayer we are asking God to help us *keep* His name holy—that our lives might be witnesses to others of God's holiness. He also tells us that we keep His name holy by preserving the truth of His Word and living according to it.
 - When is it most difficult for you to live according to God's Word? What makes these times particularly difficult?
 - Let's come up with a game plan. What would help you to better live according to God's Word in those moments?

Seeing Your World Through the Lord's Prayer

One of the incredible things the Lord's Prayer does is it allows us to see our World through its words. Below you'll see a number of areas in your life that you could lift up to God in prayer. Tonight, our goal is to write prayers for each of those areas that tie into this reality: that we want to keep God's name holy.

In the space below:

- *Look at each prompt below and think about something in your life in this area that you could pray about.*
- *Then write a prayer specifically focusing on the fact that your desire is to keep God's name holy.*

A helpful hint:

- *Think about your answers to the questions about what it means to keep God's name holy. Write to Him thinking about those answers.*

Remember, prayer is simply talking with God! That's it. So just write like you would talk to Him.

I would like to pray for this person in my life: _____

My prayer: _____

When I think about my life, I want: _____

My prayer: _____

I need guidance for: _____

My prayer: _____

When I think about this next week, protect me from: _____

My prayer: _____

Here's my challenge to you for this week: every time you pray this week, pray remembering that your desire is to keep God's name holy and see what words come to mind as you lift up various prayer requests this week.

Share Highs and Lows

Closing Prayer Heavenly Father, help us to always have Your will in mind as we go about our week. Help us to rely on You for every good gift and all of our needs. Remind us daily of the forgiveness You promise us so that we might also be forgiving. Be our guide this week, help us to keep Your name holy, and protect us from what may come our way that we might always be held and known by You. In Jesus' name. Amen.