



Check the statements below that are true about you. You may check more than one. Then sign your name below.

Dear God,

I want to be a Christian and an ambassador for You.

Please help me act like Jesus would, so I do not use your name disrespectfully.

Help me to remember to only use Your name when I am talking to You or about You.

Help me remember not to use Your name as a swear word or when I am surprised, unhappy or hurt.

Signed: _____

GOD WANTS TO BE MY VERY BEST FRIEND

Lesson 3

God Invites Me To Be His Ambassador

"You must not use the name of the Lord your God thoughtlessly. The Lord will punish anyone who is guilty and misuses his name."
Exodus 20:7, ICB

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God has called us to do a special job for Him. He needs us to be His ambassadors. What is an ambassador? Ambassadors are good friends with the ruler of the country they represent. When ambassadors speak for their ruler they only give the ruler's opinions and messages.

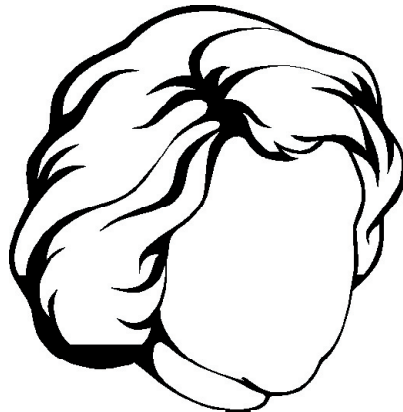
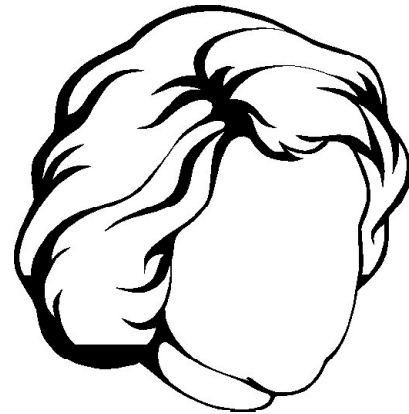
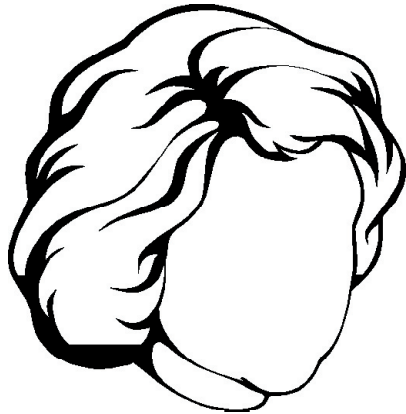
When Sally lived in Nigeria, an American ambassador lived there who represented the President of the United States. And in the United States there was a Nigerian ambassador who represented the Nigerian President. God's ambassadors are called Christians.

Sally was growing fast. Her feet changed sizes three times in two months! She was *very* clumsy. She wasn't used to her big feet and often tripped and fell or ran into things. Her friends teased her about it. Whenever anyone in her class tripped or ran into something, someone would laugh and call that person "Sally." When one of them did something clumsy, they would laugh and say, "I did a Sally!"

How do you think this made Sally feel?



Fill in the blank faces with the expressions that Sally might have felt.



Are these people misusing God's name? Circle **right** or **wrong** for each speaker. Then draw a **line** from the **speaker** to one of the four **reasons** why it is right or wrong.

RIGHT or WRONG?

REASON



You can not be in our club. Only Christians are allowed!

God ALWAYS loves you!

RIGHT or WRONG?

Jesus welcomed everybody who wanted to be included.



Oh, my God!

Using God's name when we are talking to Him is okay.

RIGHT or WRONG?

Since he is not talking to God or about Him, "Oh no!" would be a better thing to say.



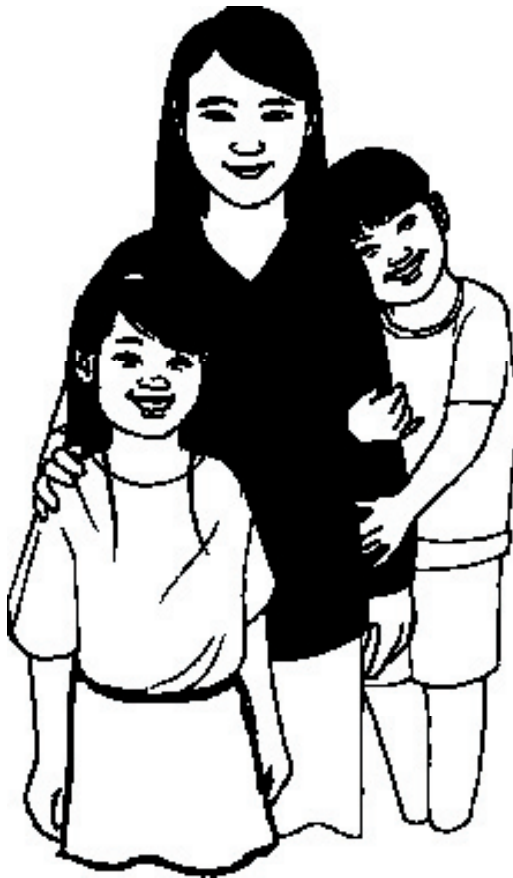
God will not love you if you act like that!

RIGHT or WRONG?



Oh God, please help me!

Using God's name in a wrong way is disrespecting Him. Since He is our friend and we love Him, we will not use His name in a disrespectful way. And since we are His friends, we will not like it when other people disrespect Him.



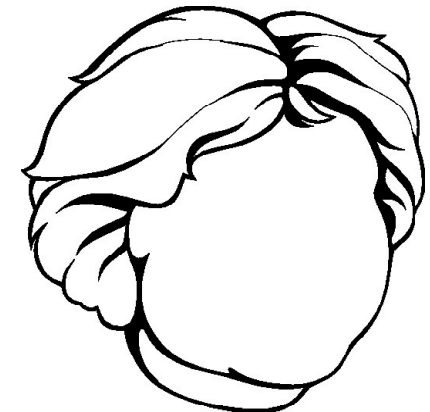
When we call ourselves Christians, we are taking the name of God's Son, Jesus Christ, who is God with His father. As Christians we should want to act like Jesus would, and do things God's way.

To be mean to someone while calling ourselves Christians is also using His name disrespectfully.

Later that year, some of the girls wanted to tease Debbie. They wrote notes to boys in class and signed her name to them. They wrote a note to Debbie's best friend that said she had enough friends and that Debbie didn't want to be her friend anymore.



How do you think Debbie felt?
Draw her expression on this face.



Cross



out the statements below that are not true.



Sally never wants anyone to use her name.

Sally does not want people to use her name to describe embarrassing behavior.

Sally does not mind people using her name if they are talking to her.

Debbie does not allow anyone to write her name.

Debbie does not mind if people use her name if they are talking to or about her.

Debbie only gets upset if people use her name wrongly.

We can never use God's name.

God loves to have us talk to Him and tell our friends about Him.



God does not mind us using His name when we are talking to Him or about Him.



Can you think of some ways God's name is used that pleases Him? Write your ideas on the lines below.

Four horizontal lines for writing.

When someone uses our name inappropriately, it does not make us happy. Most of us hate it when it happens.

God does not like His name used inappropriately either.

