

HFG Questions for
“The Third Commandment”
(Exodus 20:7)

*Read Exodus 20:1-7

1. Which of the Ten Commandments do you think is most often broken in our society?

2. Read Exodus 20:7 in all the different translations that are available at your HFG.

3. What does it mean to “take His name in vain”? What do you think of the following definition?

*“To take His name in vain means to [use] His name in an **inappropriate, hollow, empty,** or **meaningless** way!”*

4. What are some of the ways that this commandment is broken today? Do you hear His name being used in an inappropriate way in the world? What about in the Church?

5. Look up the following verses: Mat. 12:34-36; Eph. 4:29; James 1:26; 3:2-12; 1 Pet. 3:8-12. Does God care about the words that we use?

6. Read Leviticus 24:10-16, 22-23. Why does God take the Third Commandment so seriously? Do you think that God has softened His stance or changed His mind over the years with regards to this particular sin? Why or why not?

7. Read Mat. 12:34. What’s the cure for a dirty mouth?
