



*Powerfully Teaching
Your Children
Gospel Principles*

Lesson Plan: “Would Jesus Talk Like That?”

Objectives:

- Talk about using good words and not using words inappropriately.
- Emphasize that we should always use the Lord’s name with reverence and love.

Reinforces Principles of:

- Clean Speech

Each lesson contains 5 timed activities:

(Choose the activities that fit your family’s schedule.
Additional resources are provided as extra time may be available.)

Reverence Time: Song, prayer, scripture and video clip

Lesson Time: Lesson summary and points to ponder

Story Time: Story

Activity Time: Object lesson or activity

Treat Time: Prayer, theme related recipe & music video

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ReverenceTime

Approximate Time: 5 minutes

Sing Together: Children's Songbook #152, "Hum Your Favorite Hymn."
If you wish to have an online music file to accompany you visit:
<http://www.lds.org/churchmusic>
(Note: Navigate to the *Interactive Church Music Player* where you can listen to and print Church hymns and children's songs.)

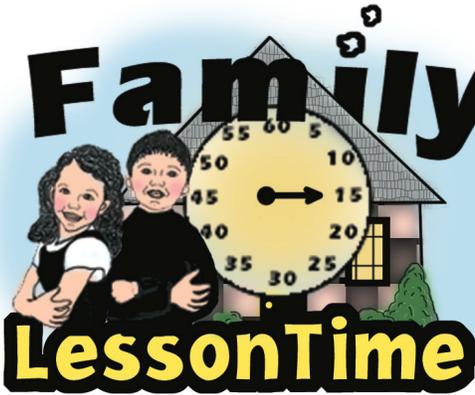
Prayer:

Scripture Time: Mosiah 13:15

15. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Video Clip: Watch chapter 1 (7:00–8:18) from The Modern Prophets *Gordon B. Hinckley: A Giant Among Men* DVD.

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LessonTime

Approximate Time: 10-15 minutes

Lesson

What does “in vain” mean? (In an improper or irreverent manner.)

Summary:

Heavenly Father and Jesus are known by many different names and none of them should be used in vain. (Discuss the other names.)

President Hinckley said “There is an evil and growing habit of the use of filthy language. The taking of the Lord’s name in vain is a most serious matter.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Friend, Nov 2004* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. President Hinckley’s mother taught him this lesson at an early age and he never forgot it.

How does it make you feel when you hear someone use the Lord’s name in vain? (Discuss ideas. Emphasize that no matter how many times we hear the Lord’s name used in vain we should work to not become desensitized to it.)

“What I fear is that the prevalent use of foul language has become an acceptable pattern in the schools, probably due in large part to the influence of TV and the general permissiveness in our society. Whatever the cause, I hope that some additional emphasis might be made to curb it, to help our youth appreciate the importance of proper language.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Nov 1987* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

How do you think Heavenly Father and Jesus feel when they hear their names used in vain? (Discuss ideas.)

When is it appropriate to use Heavenly Father and Jesus’ names? (Discuss ideas.)

When we speak of Heavenly Father or Jesus we should speak reverently and respectfully. This shows them that we love and worship them.

Are there other words, besides the Lord’s name in vain, that we shouldn’t use? (Emphasize that swear words, along with words that is used inappropriately are offensive to Heavenly Father and Jesus.)

“Don’t swear. Don’t profane. Stay away from conversation that is sprinkled with foul and filthy words. You will be happier if you do so, and your example will give strength to others.” *Gordon B. Hinckley, Ensign, Nov 1987* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

What does profane mean? (Discuss ideas.)

“Profanity is disrespect or contempt for sacred things. It includes casual or irreverent use of the name of any member of the Godhead. It also includes any type of unclean or vulgar speech or behavior.” *Gospel Topics* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Points to
Ponder:

“Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. ... Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.” (Matt. 15:11, 17-18)

Why is it important not to use profane and vulgar language? (Discuss ideas.)

“Foul language harms your spirit and degrades you. Do not let others influence you to use foul language. Instead, use clean language that uplifts and edifies others. ... Always set an example that will encourage those around you to use clean language.” *For the Strength of Youth: Fulfilling Our Duty to God* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man.

What should you do if someone uses profanity around you? (Discuss ideas. Emphasize that you should kindly ask them to stop, but if they continue, politely walk away.)

“In the hospital one day I was wheeled out of the operating room by an attendant who stumbled, and there issued from his angry lips vicious cursing with a combination of the names of the Savior. Even half-conscious, I recoiled and implored: ‘Please! Please! That is my Lord whose names you revile.’ There was a deathly silence, then a subdued voice whispered, ‘I am sorry.’” *Spencer W. Kimball, Ensign, Feb 1981* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

What can you do when bad thoughts come to your mind or you are tempted to swear? (Discuss ideas such as: Ask yourself, “What would Jesus do?,” think of a favorite scripture, sing or hum a Primary song or hymn, pray for help, etc.)

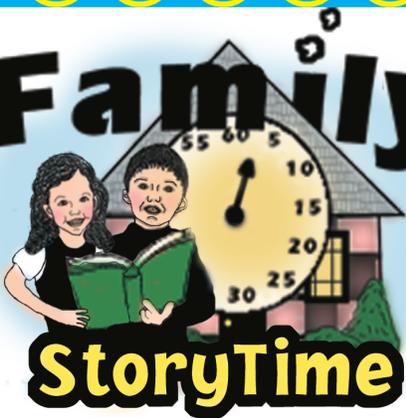
How can the words that pass through our lips affect the way others see us? (Discuss ideas.)

“In many ways, our words describe our thoughts and who we really are. As members of the Lord’s church, let us always be aware that the Lord and others are listening. Offensive language, like other bad habits, isn’t easy to overcome, but you can conquer it when your desire is strong enough.” *Robert K. Dellenbach, New Era, May 1992* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

Quote:

“When the names of God the Father and his Son, Jesus Christ, are used with reverence and authority, they invoke a power beyond what mortal man can comprehend. It should be obvious to every believer that these mighty names—by which miracles are wrought, by which the world was formed, through which man was created, and by which we can be saved—are holy and must be treated with the utmost reverence. As we read in modern revelation, “Remember that that which cometh from above is sacred, and must be spoken with care, and by constraint of the Spirit.” (D&C 63:64.) *Dallin H. Oaks, Ensign, May 1986* © Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved.

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StoryTime

(Approximate Time: 2 minute)

Jack toddled over to where Cammie and Aaron were playing with their building blocks. Aaron wrinkled his nose. “Mommy, Jack needs his diaper changed. He stinks!”

Cammie pinched her nose and began singing her own version of the song “Winnie the Pooh.”

“Jacky the Pooh, Jackie the Pooh. Tubby little cubby all stuffed with fluff. He’s Jacky the Pooh, Jacky the Pooh. Willy nilly silly baby boy.”

“Pooh, pooh,” repeated eighteen-month-old Jack.

Aaron’s and Cammie’s laughter made Jack giggle. “Pooh, pooh,” he said again with a giggle, which brought more laughter to Aaron and Cammie.

Mother scooped Jack up into her arms. “That’s enough *potty* talk,” she scowled at her older children.

Jack lowered his head in shame, but Cammie looked up with an innocent expression. “What? I wasn’t saying bad words. *I* was just pretending *Jacky* was Winnie the Pooh.™”

“Is that *really* what you were doing, Cammie?” Mother asked with a raised eyebrow.

Cammie lowered her eyes and shook her head, no.

Mother put Jack down for his nap after she changed his diaper and then went back to the family room where Aaron and Cammie were playing. “Come sit on the couch with me,” she said. “I think we need to talk about what words are appropriate and which are not. You know,” Mother continued, “Jacky’s starting to learn how to talk. Do *you* want to be the ones to teach him bad words?” she asked.

“No, Mama,” Aaron and Cammie answered in unison.

Mother put her arms around her two young children. “Cammie, you were *right* about there being nothing wrong with the words to the song ‘Winnie the Pooh,’ *if* you are singing it right, but you weren’t. Were you?”

Cammie shook her head, no.

“It’s kind of like saying Heavenly Father’s and Jesus’ names. When we use them reverently and with love, it’s good,” Mother continued, “But if we use their names without thought or irreverently, it’s *not* good. Do you understand?”

“I do! I learned about *this* in Primary,” Aaron answered. “That would be using the Lord’s name, um...in *vain*?”

“That’s right. Cammie, do *you* know *why* we shouldn’t use the Lord’s name in vain?” Mother asked.

“Because we love Him and we don’t want to make Him sad,” Cammie answered.

“That’s right, Sweetie. Now, how would you feel if you had hurt Jacky’s feelings and made him cry instead of laugh?”

“It would make me sad, because I love Jacky!” Cammie exclaimed.

“Now, you’ve *both* been taught not to use swear words. Right?”

“Yes, Mama.”

“Well, when you use words, like ‘pooh,’ inappropriately or in an unkind way, *you* might think it’s funny, but it’s *not* right either. It makes Heavenly Father and Jesus sad, too!”

“I’m sorry, Mama,” Cammie apologized. “I don’t want to make Heavenly Father and Jesus sad, ’cause I love Them!”

“Me, too,” Aaron concurred. “But, how can we be *sure* we’re not using words ina–inappropriately?”

“Well, President Hinckley’s mother taught him to ask himself, ‘Would Jesus talk like that?’ If the answer is ‘no’ then it’s simple. Do *not* let it pass through *your* lips!”

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ActivityTime

What you need: A copy of the “Would Jesus Talk Like That?” activity (artwork included with this lesson) scissors, glue, cardstock and an empty tissue box or shoe box. Optional: Laminating sheets.

Preparation

1. Print out the artwork.
2. Glue the red lips onto cardstock.
3. Cut along all dotted lines.
4. Glue the red lips on top of the teeth, using the white lips as a guide. Optional: Laminate.
5. Glue over the hole on the front of the tissue box. (If using a shoe box you will need to cut out a hole in the front.)

Activity: (Younger children will need help from an older sibling or parent.)

1. Explain: Learning to control our thoughts and words is one of the things we must do to become like Heavenly Father and Jesus Christ.
2. Ask: Why did President Hinckley’s mother wash his mouth out with soap? (Discuss ideas.)
3. Ask: What did President Hinckley learn from this experience? (Discuss ideas.)
4. Ask: How do the words that pass our lips affect others? (Discuss ideas.)
5. Ask: What kind of words should a child of God use? (Discuss ideas. Possible answers: Clean, respectful, kind, loving, obedient, polite, etc.)
6. Ask: What can you say to yourself to remind you not to say bad word? (Emphasize: Would Jesus talk like that?)



7. Explain: President Hinckley’s parents often reminded him to be like Jesus. His obedience to his parents’ teachings helped him become a “Giant Among Men.”

8. Play the “Would Jesus Talk Like That?” activity.

“Would Jesus Talk Like That?” Activity Instructions

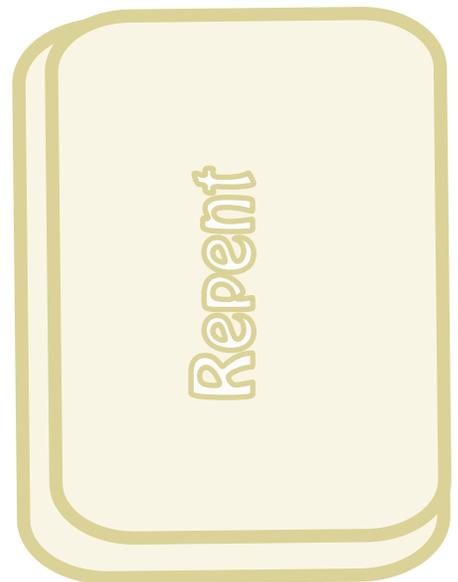
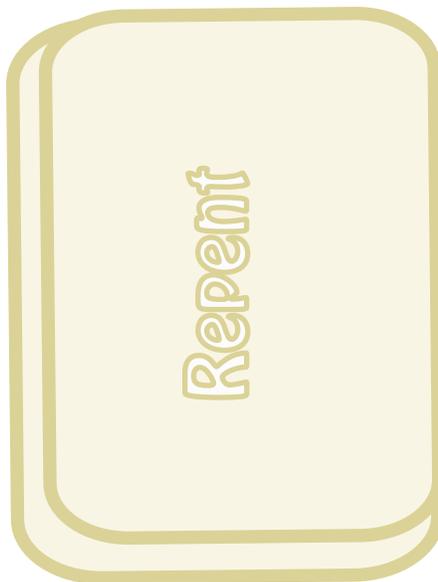
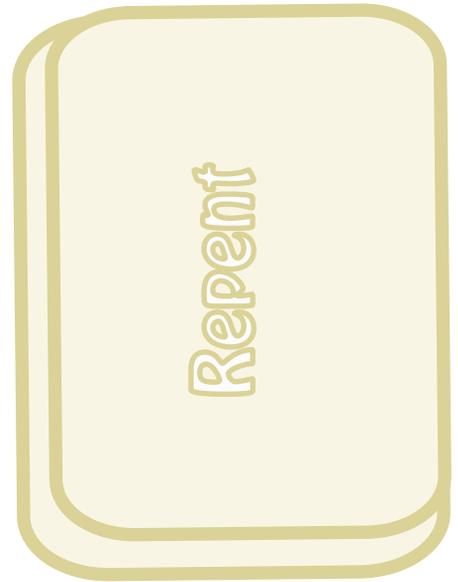
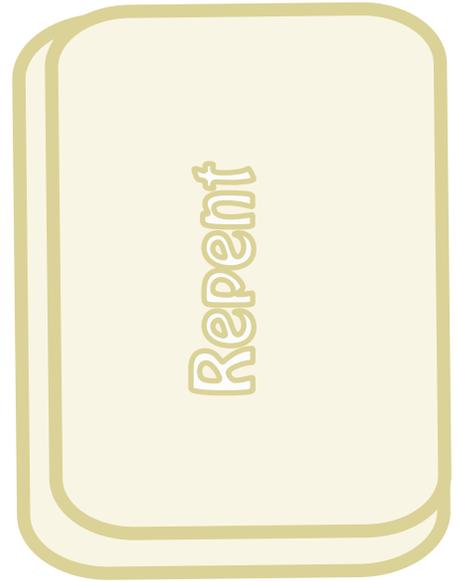
Objective: Try not to let unclean words pass through the lips.

1. Put the cards in the box and mix them up.
2. Take turns drawing out the words by placing your hand through the lips without looking.
3. With each card drawn ask: “Would Jesus talk like that?” or “What would Jesus want me to do?” Use examples to help children better understand why or why not.

If you draw a “Repent” card you can save it to use the next time you draw a bad card. If you do this, the bad card is removed from the game instead of put back in the mouth. You can give your “Repent” card to another player to use if you choose. (If you do not use or trade your “Repent” cards one point will be subtracted from your score.)

Each player keeps the good cards they draw. Bad cards are put back into the mouth unless you have a “Repent” card to use to discard it.

4. Game ends when all good cards have been drawn and all bad cards have been discarded.
5. Score one point for every good card you draw. “Repent” cards are worth one point only when used to remove a bad card from the game. Subtract one point for any unused “Repent” cards.



Stopped the
bad habit
of swearing

Always try
to be like
Jesus

Repent

Developed the
bad habit
of swearing

Politely walk
away if a
dirty joke
is being told

Use the
Lord's name
with reverence
and love

Ask yourself,
"Would Jesus
talk like that?"

Sing or listen
to songs with
profane lyrics

Turn off the
radio if a
profane song
is on

Tell or listen
to dirty jokes

Hum or sing
your favorite
hymn or
Primary song

Repent

Say unkind
words to
others

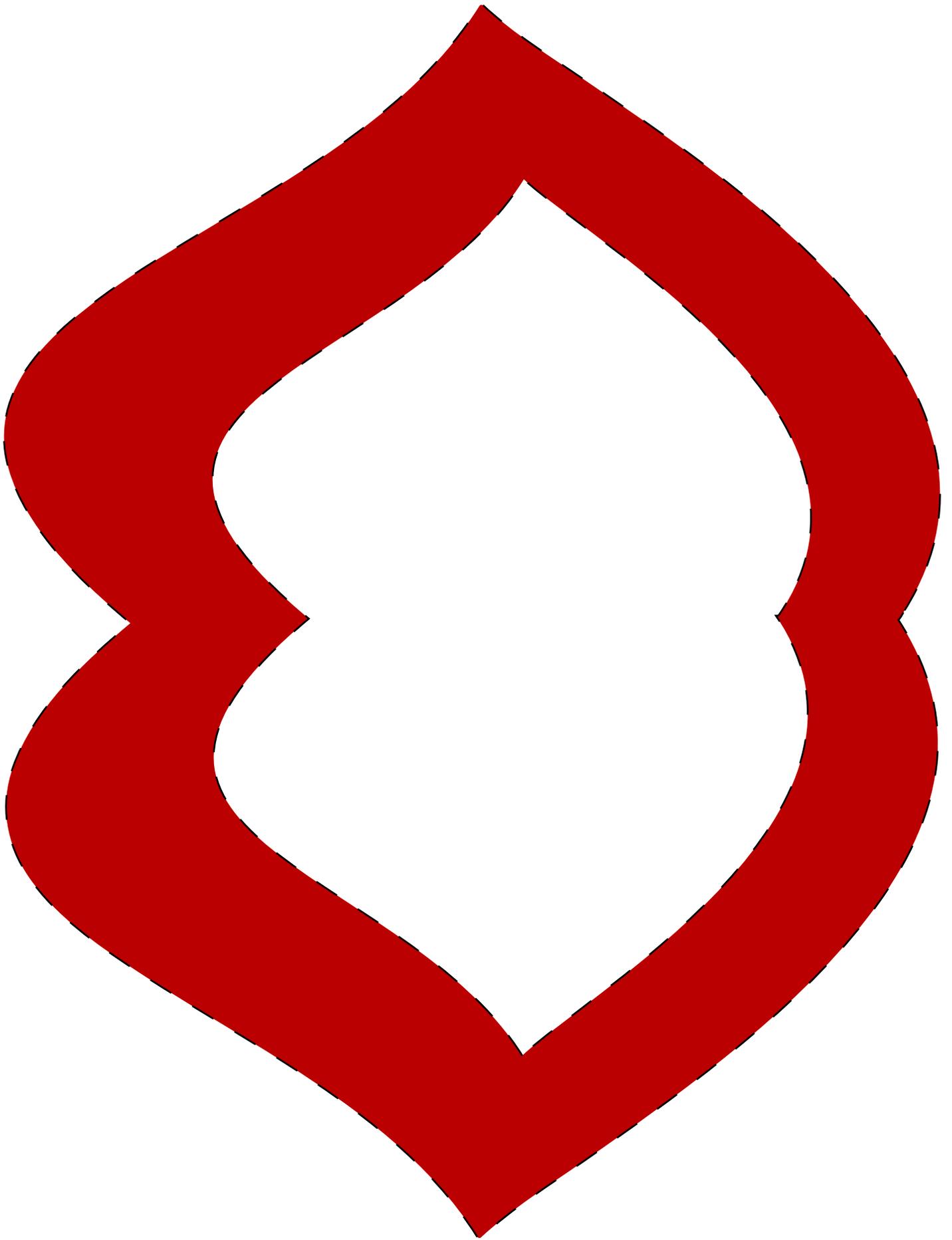
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others to not
use the Lord's
name in vain

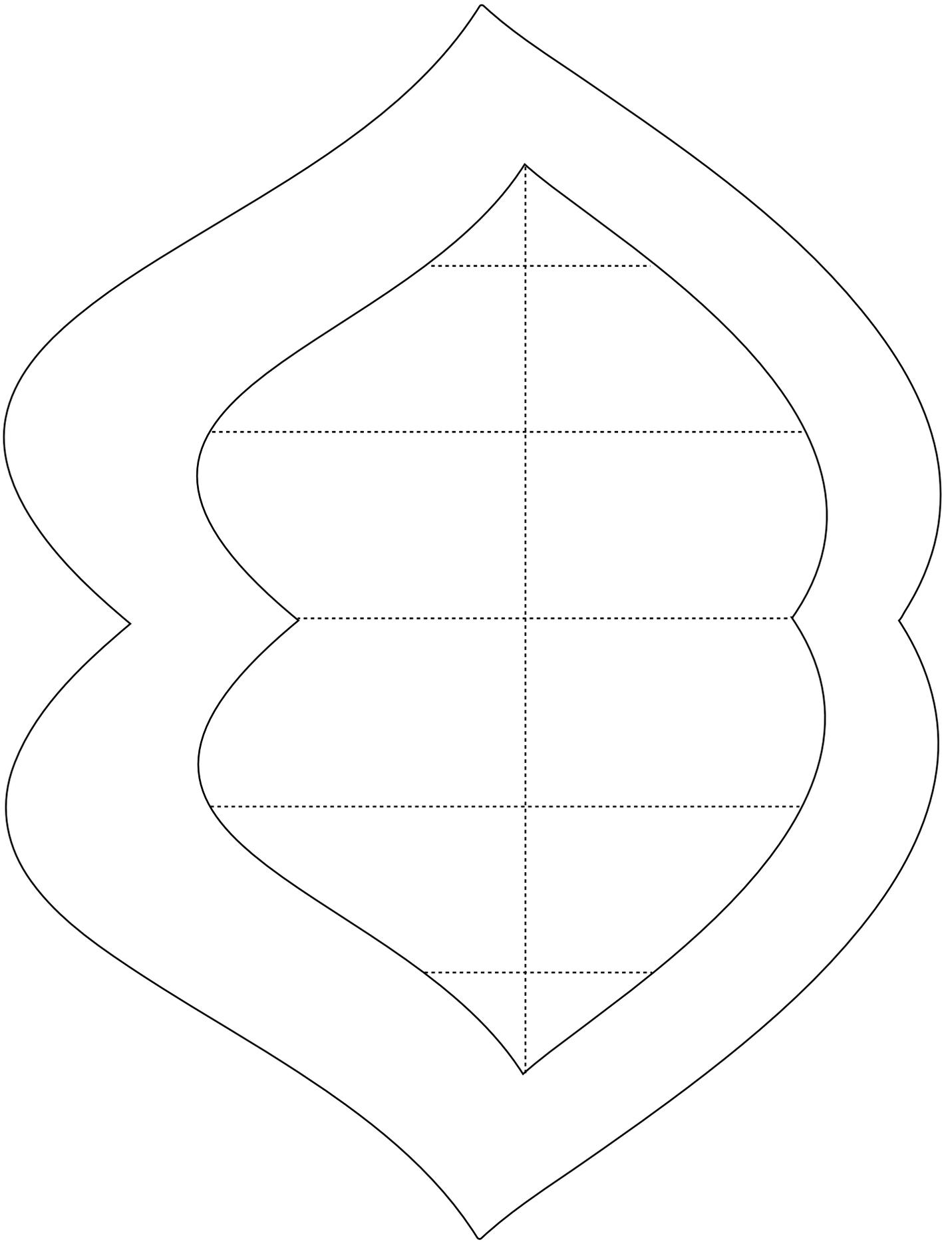
Be an example
of using words
appropriately

Use words
inappropriately

Use the
Lord's name
in vain

Replace bad
thoughts and
words with
clean ones.





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TreatTime

Approximate Time: 15 minutes

Prep/cook Time: 5 minutes

Chill Time: 10 minutes

Cherry Gummy Lips

1 package cherry flavored gelatin

6 packages unflavored gelatin

1/2 cup water



Combine unflavored gelatin, flavored gelatin, and cold water in a small saucepan. Stir until well mixed. Place saucepan on stove over medium heat. Continue stirring while mixture heats up and becomes liquid. Once mixture is fully liquid, remove from heat and pour into a 9 x 13-inch pan that has been coated with cooking spray. Allow to cool slightly, then place in freezer for 10 minutes until firm.

Treat Time: Let children cut into lip shapes with a plastic knife or cookie cutter.

When bad thoughts and words come into your mind,
Pray for help that you won't let them slip.
Then ask, "What would Jesus do?" and you will find,
Only good words will pass through your lips.

Closing Prayer and blessing on the food.