

Chapter 7

***God's Name***

Give to the Lord the glory due his name.  
*Psalm 29:2*

**To the Parent:**

In chapter 7 your child learned to:

- Understand that respect for a name shows respect for the person
- Recognize the second commandment
- Determine ways to follow the second commandment

Mary's Canticle is her hymn of praise following the angel's message that Mary was to become the mother of Jesus. Mary says, "God who is mighty has done great things for me, holy is his name." The second commandment teaches that the name of God is indeed holy, and not to be used without reverence. Respect for God's name is vital. Promises, oaths, and vows that are made in God's name are not to be taken lightly. Using God's name in prayer gives honor and glory to the God "who has done great things for those who believe."

**With Your Child:**

1. Look for a comfortable place to talk. Talk about how each family member feels when they hear God's name being used in vain.
2. Talk to your child about the origins of his or her name.
3. Read about Saint Peter, the first pope, on the Review and Explore page.