

LEARNER TAKE-HOME SHEET: A HOLY NAME

Isaiah 29:22-23



KEY WORDS

Keep a family white board someplace near the dinner table, and write these words on it. Try writing a family definition for each one during the week.

HOLY
GOD'S BRAND
IDENTITY
HYPOCRISY

Take this sheet home and keep it someplace near the dinner table like on the fridge. At least three times next week at dinner, use Prayer Time and one other family activity to make your confirmation learning come alive!

PRAYER TIME

Holy God, help us to know the light of your holiness that shines in our lives. Open our eyes to the simple things we can do each day for your children. Give us the courage to act in ways that we know reflect your message and love. Teach us to talk to one another about our need to trust you and call your name. Amen

TALK TIME

- Do we fall into society's habit of using God's name in vain? Every time someone says "oh, my God" in your family, ask him or her to apologize to the rest of the family, and to God.
- Are you proud of the witness of your congregation? Think about it from a visitor's point of view. Can you imagine what she or he might notice about your church? If you wanted friends to visit your church, what would you highlight about it?
- Guess each other's favorite brands—clothing, food, and so forth. Why does everyone care so much about certain names? How does the power of certain names we seek out relate to the power our Hebrew ancestors connected to knowing someone's name?
- What do family members know about the origins of their names? Share the stories about their names and the names of your ancestors.



WEB TIME

Gather around the family computer and use an Internet search engine to search for the key words. Write down the most interesting site you find that pops up for each term. Then do a search for your own first name. What do you find? Explore five sites that mention each term, and discuss the various opinions and perspectives you find.

RITUAL TIME

Greet one another by name in the morning and depart from one another by name. Look at one another; call each person by her or his name at least once a day.