

opportunity, and relationship to point others to Jesus. Our lives become living sacrifices to praise God which is our spiritual worship (Romans 12:1).

#### Discussion Questions

- How much worship does God deserve? How many worshippers?
- Is that something you pray for?

#### **Day 5 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse**

God's glory is central to everything. Jesus Himself prayed, "*Father, glorify Thy name.*" A voice answered, "*I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again*" (John 12:28). The people heard the voice of God, and Jesus said it was for their sake they heard it, to repent, believe while they still could. The children's catechism begins in the same way as this Baptist catechism does: Q. Who made you? A. God. Q. What else did God make? A. All things. Q. Why did God make you and all things? A. For His OWN glory! Nothing can thwart that purpose. Even human wrath will ultimately bring God praise (Psalm 76:10). God's own glory is His purpose in all that He does (Ezekiel 36:22). Judgement day is coming when all men will be judged and bow before the God of truth and righteousness. It starts in Isaiah 45:23 *By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'* The apostle Paul expands on this in Philippians 2:9–11 which says, *Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.* Will you humble yourselves and bow before God now before that day?

#### Discussion Questions

- What are some events or circumstances you can think of that don't appear to honor God?
- Take a minute to pray that God would work even these things together for His glory.

# Baptist Catechism

## Family Worship Guide



### West Oaks Baptist Church

(in preparation for Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025)

#### Baptist Catechism Question #108

**Q:** What do we pray for in the first petition?

**A:** *In the first petition, which is, Hallowed be thy name, we pray that God would enable us and others to glorify him in all that whereby he maketh himself known, and that he would dispose all things to his own glory.*

#### Suggested Memory Verse

*Romans 11:36 For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. (ESV)*

### Day 1 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

When we pray, “*Hallowed be Thy name,*” we are not informing God that He is Holy. We are asking that His holiness would be known, loved, and praised in all of creation. The word “hallowed” is translated from the Greek word “hagiozo,” which means to make holy or to sanctify, to set apart as sacred or special, worthy of honor. We are praying that God would cause His name, character, works, and His Word to be exalted in every heart. Romans 11:36 reminds us that...*from Him and through Him and to Him are all things; to Him be glory forever.* The Lord’s prayer begins with the honor and glory of God because that should be the foundation of all that we as Christians do or say in life. To hallow God’s name means that we treat it as serious, never flippantly or making light of it. It means revering His truth, keeping His commands, and trusting His purposes even when we do not understand them. For this we need help. We need God to make Himself known and enable us to glorify Him. In fact, we ask that He would order every event so that His glory and fame would increase or, as the answer puts it, that He would “dispose all things to His own glory.” As we pray like this first petition teaches us to, we humble ourselves and submit to His rule, magnifying God’s name and honor rather than our own.

#### Discussion Questions

- Do your words and attitudes in life lift up the holiness of God’s name or take it lightly and tear it down?
- What would it look like if God was truly honored by everyone at your home, or work, or school? Do you pray for that to happen?

### Day 2 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

To hallow God’s name is not only to honor and respect it but to love, fear, and adore it. Scripture says, *But let all who take refuge in you rejoice; let them ever sing for joy* (Psalm 5:11), and *Unite my heart to fear Thy name* (Psalm 86:11), and *I will bless Thy name forever and ever* (Psalm 145:11). True believers delight in God’s name even while trembling before His majesty and power. We fear Him, no longer as slaves to sin and under condemnation, but as children who stand in awe of a perfect Father. His name is *Holy and awesome!* (Psalm 111:9), so we cannot speak it flippantly or treat it as if it is an ordinary name. To love His name helps us to obey; to fear His name helps us to deepen our awareness of God and to show reverence for Him; to adore His name fills our hearts and mouths with praise. Loving, fearing, and adoring God’s name should not happen only privately at home, but openly with our family, in corporate worship, and publicly before the world. Worship should reflect the glory of God’s name in sermons, prayer, songs, reading of Scripture, and reverence. As we learn more about the mercies of God the more we should grow to love Him. *Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him*” (Psalm 34:8).

#### Discussion Questions

- What are some words you might use to describe the way you feel about God’s name?

### Day 3 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

God’s name can be honored by our words and also by our actions as a believer. 1 Peter 4:11 gives examples: *whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.* As Christians, we should seek to glorify God in all of life. It is not just reserved for worship at church but in the kitchen, at work, while changing diapers or pursuing a hobby. *So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God* (1 Corinthians 10:31). Every deed can become an act of worship when it is done for the right reasons and in the right way. Paul faced many hard times and challenges but wrote that even in suffering, even death can bring glory to God. Philippians 1:20 says, *as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.* When we speak truthfully and are diligent in our work, we are declaring that God’s ways are good. When we complain about our circumstances or boast in our pride, we profane His name. Let’s live in such a way that our words and actions hallow God’s name.

#### Discussion Questions

- What are some common tasks that you find hard to “glorify God” in? Why?
- What are some practical ways you can begin to hallow God’s name in that area of your life?

### Day 4 – Review Q&A and recite memory verse

The first petition of the Lord’s prayer goes beyond honoring God in our own lives. We pray for others to glorify God, too. Isaiah 42 speaks of everyone, everywhere when it says, *Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise.* From the coastlands, to the deserts, to the mountaintops and to the ends of the earth, people should hallow God’s name. Sin entered into the world through Adam and as a result, people do not give God the glory and honor He deserves. Christians know this and our desire is for more and more people to honor God. Jesus said, *“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father”* (Matthew 5:16). Our kindness, integrity, and testimony as believers should awaken others around us to worship. We should even pray that God’s enemies might be humbled to seek His name (Psalm 83:16) and that their reproaches against Him would grieve us (Psalm 69:9). When we see His name dishonored in the world, we should feel it, be bothered by it, be moved to show and tell of God’s goodness and righteousness. To hallow God’s name in this way also helps us to plead that every tribe and every tongue may know of His glory. It means using every gift,