

You're So Vain  
#4 – 10 Commandment Series



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**PUPPETS**

1. RIPLEY
2. RUSTY
3. TALA
4. BOBBY
5. DOCTOR (DEVIN)
6. PASTOR (DREW)

**PROPS**

1. FULL STAGE
2. WEATHER VANE
3. ILLUSTRATION OF VEIN WITH GOD
4. BIRD HOUSE
5. HAMMER

**SOUND**

1. Commandment #3 Song
2. You're So Vain Parts 1,2,3,4,
3. Hammering
4. Wind noise.
5. 10 Commandments song

# ACT I

**Music:** Commandment #3 Song

**Ripley:** Good morning kids! I didn't hear you! Good Morning Kids!

Today we are continuing our series on the Ten Commandments. Can anyone guess which commandment we are going to do today? I told you last time what we would be doing. Does anyone remember Commandment number 3?

That's right! "Thou shalt not take the Lord's name in vain is commandment number three.

Does anyone know what it means to take the Lord's name in vain? There are a lot of different meanings for vain aren't there?

God not only deserves our worship, love and obedience, He also deserves our respect. And when we take His name in vain, we are being disrespectful.

**Music:** You're So Vain (part 1)

**Scene:** Pastor Drew is just finishing his Sermon.

**Pastor Drew:** ...And that is why we should not take the Lord's name in vain.

Let Us pray.

Dear Lord, help us to always be respectful of You so that we may always be pleasing in your sight. We love you so much and thank You for sending Your son for us.

Amen.

**Tala:** Amen!

**Rusty:** Tala, do you understand what he is talking about?

**Tala:** Of course I know what he is talking about. Weren't you listening?

**Rusty:** Oh yeah, I uh, I uh, Of course I know what he is talking about. And I don't know about you but I plan on putting this in practice in my life starting right now!

**Tala:** But Rusty, I don't think I have ever heard you take the Lord's name in vain before anyway.

**Rusty:** And you're not going to hear me now. I won't even take it in artery for that matter, let alone vain. (Rusty exits)

**Tala:** (Tala shakes her head) I don't think Rusty really gets it. I have a feeling we're going to have to have a talk later.

## ACT II

**Music:** You're So Vain (part 2)

**Scene:** Bobby is working on a weather vane with the word "Jesus" across it.

**Sound:** Hammering

**Bobby:** (sings to the tune of "Blowing in The Wind") The answer my Lord is blowin' in the wind... The answer is blowin' in the wind.

**Rusty:** Whatya doin' Bobby?

**Bobby:** I'm making a birthday gift for my dad. What do you think?

**Rusty:** What does it do?

**Bobby:** Well, when I am done, we'll put it on the roof of the house. When the wind blows it will point in the direction that the wind is blowing. But no matter which way it blows, it will always be pointing to the Lord. Get it?

**Rusty:** That sounds really cool. What is it called?

**Bobby:** It's called a weather vane.

**Rusty:** Bobby! You're not supposed to take the Lord's name in vain!

**Bobby:** But I'm not! You don't understand, it's just that...

**Rusty:** I just don't even know you Bobby. (Walks away)

**Bobby:** But... But... Oh whatever!

## ACT III

**Music:** You're So Vain (part 3)

**Scene:** Doctor's Office

**Dr Devin:** (Humming to himself & admiring a picture on a chalkboard.)

**Rusty:** Dr Devin. Whatya doin'?

**Dr Devin:** Oh Rusty! It's so good to see you again. Are you here for your school checkup?

**Rusty:** Uh Huh. But hey Doc, what is that on the board?

**Dr Devin:** Oh that? (Points to board) It is just a drawing I made for a lecture I am giving at the college on Wednesday. It is called "Intelligent Design". I am trying to show by scientific means that God designed us. Here, in this illustration, I talk about how wonderful our network of veins and arteries are and how something this well-planned couldn't have been an accident and must have a designer behind it. Therefore I put God's name in one of the veins to show that his handiwork is through us all.

**Rusty:** Oh Doc! I don't believe it! I had such a high opinion of you. And you - an elder in the church!

**Dr Devin:** What's the matter Rusty? Why are you so upset? It's just a drawing.

**Rusty:** I can't believe you would take the Lord's name in vain! (Rusty Storms off)

**Dr Devin:** Rusty! Come back! You've got it all wrong! And you didn't even get your lollipop! (Shakes his head)

## ACT IV

**Music:** You're So Vain (part 4)

**Scene:** Yanal is building a birdhouse.

**Yanal:** Just a few more nails and this will be finished. (Misses house and hits finger) ^@%#@%! (Cuss Beeped out)

**Tala:** Yanal! Did you just say what I thought you said?

**Yanal:** Well, yeah, I guess so.

**Tala:** Weren't you at church on Sunday when Pastor Devin told us about the third Commandment?

**Yanal:** You know I was Tala. Look, I'm sorry! I didn't mean to say it. It just slipped out when I hit my finger with the hammer.

**Tala:** I think we need to pray about this Yanal.

**Yanal:** Yeah I think I need to apologize to God.

**Tala:** That's a good idea. (They both bow their heads in prayer.)

**Rusty:** Hey, what's the matter? Is someone sick?

**Tala:** No. No one is sick or anything. It's just that well, as I was passing by I heard Yanal take the Lord's name in vain.

**Rusty:** (laughs) Oh you got it all wrong Tala. He's building a birdhouse not a weather vane!

**Yanal:** What are you talking about Rusty? What does building a weather vane have to do with anything?

**Rusty:** You know weather "vane". I saw Bobby building a weather vane with Jesus' name on it. I couldn't believe he would take the Lord's name in vain!

**Yanal:** (Both Tala and Yanal laugh) Rusty, that's not what it means to take the Lord's name in vain. Taking the Lord's name in vain is when you use it like a swear word. Then you are being disrespectful to God. Get it?

**Rusty:** I think so. Does that mean it isn't about veins and arteries either?

**Tala:** (Laughing hysterically) No Rusty! Not that either. Look, I think we need to talk.

**Rusty:** And I think I am going to have to make some apologies.

## **ACT V**

**Ripley:** Hey kids, do you think that Rusty gets it now? Do you?

Whenever we use the Lord's name in a disrespectful way, we are breaking the third commandment. God deserves our love and respect.

So, as scripture tells us, we are to guard our mouths. That means we need to be mindful of what we say and how we say it.

So everyone please welcome back the S.O.C.K. puppets as they sing about the Ten Commandments.

**Sound:** 10 Commandments song

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