



WHAT'S IN A NAME?

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BIG IDEA

There is salvation in the name of Jesus.

KEY VERSES

Matthew 1:18-25

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 1:21

“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

• PREPARATION & MATERIALS •

BIBLE LESSON

- A book that has the meaning of different names or print out the meanings of a few common names to share

GAME

- Blindfold

WORKSHEETS

- Photocopies of Coloring Sheet (1 per child)
- Photocopies of Crossword Puzzle (domestic communities only)

CRAFT (SIMPLE): TOTE BAGS

- White canvas bags at least 10 inches wide (ie. Oriental Trading Post “White Canvas Bags”)
- Fabric markers
- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers

CRAFT (ADVANCED OPTION): FELT BAGS

- Felt rectangles approximately 9x12 inches, 2 per child
- Thread
- Sewing needles
- 12 x 1 inch pieces of ribbon, 2 per child
- Experience Mission provides scissors, hole punch, stapler, staples, rulers





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BIBLE LESSON

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What's in a name? Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? (Allow children to answer if they know what their name means). When your parents found out they were going to have a baby, they may have spent a lot of time choosing a name. Perhaps they looked through a book of names. I looked up a few names, and here is what they mean (read examples from book or internet photocopies).

John is a very popular name for boys and Joan or Joanna for girls. Their name means "God's gracious gift."

Have you ever known anyone named Daniel or Danielle? Their name means "God is my judge."

I have known quite a few boys named Michael and girls named Michaela. That is a great name that means "one who is like God." One of the angels in the Bible was named Michael.

When Mary and Joseph found out that they were going to have a baby, they didn't have to look at a book to get ideas for his name. In fact, they didn't choose his name at all. God sent an angel to tell Mary and Joseph, "You will have a son, and you will call his name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sin." You see, the name Jesus means "The Lord Saves." God loved us so much that he sent his only Son to die on the cross to save us from our sin. The Bible tells us that there is no other name that can save us.

What is in a name? If the name is Jesus, there is salvation!

(Prayer)

Heavenly Father, we thank you that there is salvation in the name of Jesus. Help us to understand more about what Jesus did to save us from our sins. Thank you. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



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CRAFTS

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• CRAFT (SIMPLE) •

OBJECTIVE: TOTE BAGS

Make and/or decorate bible tote bags. Encourage kids to keep their bibles in this bag and to bring it to Kids Club daily.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

EXAMPLE



MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- White canvas bags at least 10 inches wide (ie. Oriental Trading Post "White Canvas Bags")
- Fabric markers

DIRECTIONS

- Kids write their names in large, clear letters on the front of the bag
- Decorate the rest of the bag as desired

• CRAFT (ADVANCED OPTION) •

OBJECTIVE: FELT BAGS

Make and/or decorate bible tote bags made of felt. Encourage kids to keep their bibles in this bag and to bring it to Kids Club daily.

MATERIALS PROVIDED BY EM

- Scissors, staplers, rulers, hole punches

EXAMPLE



MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Felt rectangles approximately 9x12 inches (2 per child)
- Thread
- Sewing needles
- 12 x 1 inch pieces of ribbon, 2 per child

DIRECTIONS

- Stack 2 pieces of felt
- Sew using a running stitch or a whip stitch down a long side, across a short side, and up the other long side (sew twice for extra sturdiness)
- Sew the ends of the ribbons to the opening of the bag so that you have a handle on each side of the bag



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OBJECTIVE: NAME GAME

Kids disguise their voices. One child tries to guess the name of the speaker.

MATERIALS BROUGHT BY TEAM

- Blindfolds

INSTRUCTIONS

This game is best played in small groups of 8-12. Before explaining the game, have the children introduce themselves by name. They will want to remember the names of their fellow players for this game.

Blindfold one child and have the rest of the children move around the room. When the game leader says to “freeze,” the children will stop and let the blindfolded child touch one of the children and ask them to say, “Salvation in Jesus.” The child who is speaking should try to disguise his or her voice. The blindfolded child tries to guess who the speaker is.

SIMPLIFIED GAME OPTION

- Create a list of the kid's names. Play a simple game of tag and randomly call out a name to be “it”.



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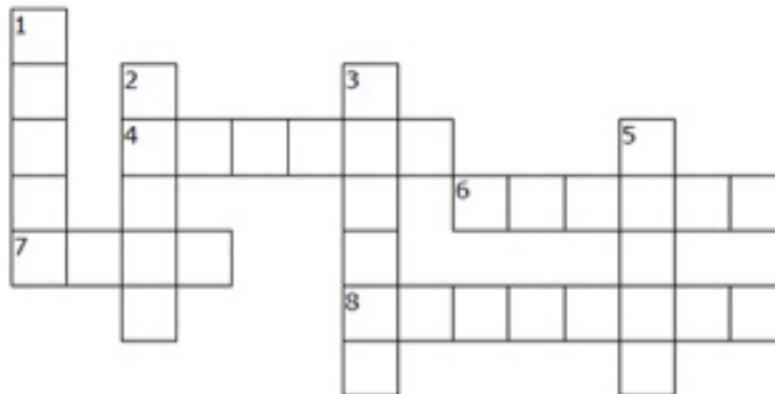


CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 1:18-25



ACROSS

4. To be filled with fear
6. The earthly father of Jesus
7. The mother of Jesus
8. A name that means "God is with us"

DOWN

1. Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
2. To become husband and wife
3. A young unmarried woman
5. The Son of God

JESUS	MARRY	MARY	DREAM
IMMANUEL	VIRGIN	JOSEPH	AFRAID