

What's In A Name?

Theme

There is salvation in the name of Jesus.

Object

A book on the meaning of names which should be available at the library. You could also use the cards found in most gift shops and bookstores with names and their meaning.

Scripture

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

What's in a name? Has anyone ever asked you what your name means? Do you know what your name means? When your mom and dad found out they were going to have a baby, they spent a lot of time choosing a name. They may have looked through a book that gives the meaning of names. I looked up a few names to see what they meant. (You might like to look up the meaning of the names of several of the children that are in your group. If you do not have a book, there are numerous sites on the Internet that give the meanings of names.)

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 go to the library and get a book to choose 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.

Rescue 3:16 - Jesus Saves Us



A fun introduction to salvation and the wonderful promises of Jesus Christ

4-WEEK BUNDLE

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you that there is salvation in the name of Jesus. During this holiday season, help us to remember that it is his birthday that we celebrate. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Sermon Title: "What's In A Name?"

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

NAME GAME:

Blindfold one child and have children move around the room. When teacher says to FREEZE, children will stop and let the blindfolded child touch one of the children and ask them to say SALVATION IN JESUS. The child will try to change his/her voice and say that phrase and see if the blindfolded child can guess the NAME of that child who said SALVATION IN JESUS. After the child guesses, he/she takes off the blindfold to see if he/she was correct. Whether right or wrong, the other child puts on the blindfold and the game continues.

"WHO AM I" Game:

Children can make the sound of an animal that may have been around Jesus in the stable and have the teacher or another "IT" guess what the animal NAME is. Discussion about our lesson today and "What's in a Name"!

CHRISTMAS TREE Wall Hanging:

The teacher can give each child a large cut out green triangle or another idea for a Christmas tree. Children will draw a very large cross on the tree (use bright neon color for the cross) and write JESUS on the trunk. Discussion about the NAME of JESUS.

MANGER ART:

Make a nativity stable outline with craft sticks and glue some pieces of straw in the stable. Have children write JESUS IS SALVATION on the "roof" craft sticks of the stable.

TREES POSTER:

Have children draw or trace 3 trees on a poster board. Under each tree, children can draw 1) boat; 2) manger; 3) cross. The 3 trees wanted to do something special for God and each one was used in a wonderful way. Have children write JESUS IS SALVATION under the cross picture and decorate their poster!

TOOTHPICK STABLE ART:

Teacher can give each child a recipe card. Glue toothpicks in the shape of a stable and roof over the stable (big enough to cover half the card). Glue lima beans upright (vertical) for Mary and Joseph. Glue a little black eyed pea at the top of each lima bean for the heads and one with the little dark spot on top on the ground between Mary and Joseph and it will look like a little manger with baby Jesus in it. Children can write JESUS IS HIS NAME... or JESUS IS SALVATION, over the top of the toothpick stable.

STABLE/MANGER COOKIE ART:

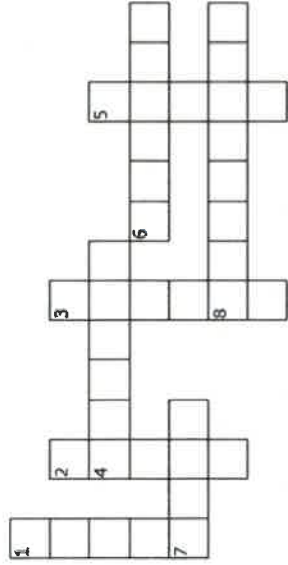
Children can be given a cookie to decorate and draw a stable on the frosting with a toothpick. Other candy ideas can be used to make the cookie look like a manger or stable, such as colored sugar or string licorice or red hots, etc)

Song: "What You Gonna Call Your Pretty Little Baby?" - Black Spiritual
Lead Sheet (PDF)

Demo (MP3)

Piano Accompaniment (MP3)

Crossword Puzzle



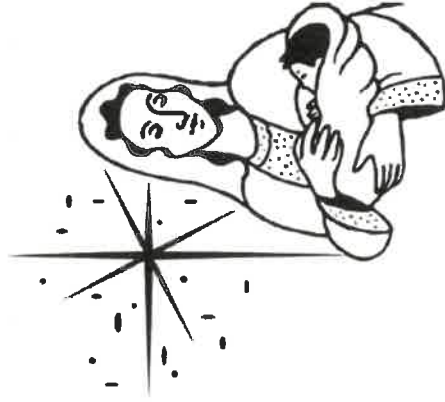
ACROSS

- To be filled with fear
- The earthly father of Jesus
- The mother of Jesus
- A name that means "God is with us"

DOWN

- Images and emotions that occur while you are sleeping
- To become husband and wife
- A young unmarried woman
- The Son of God

JESUS	MARRY	MARY	DREAM
IMMANUEL	VIRGIN	JOSEPH	AFFRAID



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Children's Worship Bulletin

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Matthew 1:18-25

Word Search

O J D H V B Q S O N G T W N V
S H M S F V M I X J M R E K V
L K E A D G D X M L E G X M F
Z E Q B R R O I S M L S R E X
C K M I U R E J N E A D U C Y
J M A M A Y A O P H N Z S Q
R V R C F F Q T M S P G U Q M
I N Y H S R T E A G E M K E R
Q A O R X A C H I L D P D F L
B N I I L I Z U F U F N H N M
I G H S L D T S Q H A H I G R
T E F T Q F I A T B Z G C B E
A L O R O Z P R S K R J V M J
H F B U W K I U D I V B A U C
Q U R R L B H F V C I N B Y I

HUSBAND	SON	IMMANUEL	MARY	NAME
CHRIST	CHILD	VIRGIN	BIRTH	ANGEL
JOSEPH	MARRY	AFFRAID	DREAM	JESUS

Your Church Name
City or Town

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Q	I	S	D	G	V	N	M	B	C	J	H	Z	U	F	E	T	X	P	L	O	W	R	Y	K	A

- 11-16-3-14-3 _____
- 7-26-8-16 _____
- 5-2-6-16 _____
- 9-2-23-17-12 _____
- 3-2-7-3 _____
- 19-16-21-19-20-16 _____
- 3-26-6-16 _____
- 3-21-7 _____

GIVE	PEOPLE	NAME	JESUS
SAVE	BIRTH	SON	SINS



Coloring Page

God with Us



"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 18:21



God with Us



"The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us")

Matthew 1:23 (NIV).