



What's in a Name?

Parents consider a lot of factors when naming a child. Some families pass names down through generations. Others look for names that have a specific meaning or convey a particular message. Names are important.

NAMES ARE GREAT! ♥

Certain names can be spelled in different ways, like Brian/Bryan and Sara/Sarah.

Some names sound similar when spoken, but are often spelled differently for boys or girls, like Erin/Aaron.

Lots of people have the same name. Over 5 million people in the world are named John.



In Matthew 1:18-25, an angel tells Joseph that he is to name the baby *Jesus*, because “he will save his people from their sins.” Jesus is also referred to as *Immanuel* in the Bible, which means “God is with us.” The baby was given two names, even before he was born! How did you get your name? How did other people in your life get their names? Talk with your friends and family to learn the history of your name and theirs. Search online to discover more about names. Write the information on the chart on the next page.

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Person's Name	What does the name mean?	Does the name come from a certain place? Which one?	Do other people in their family have the same name?	Is this name found in the Bible?
Immanuel	God is with us	Judea	No	Yes