

A LIVING FAITH Lesson on BELIEF & FAITH

Theme: There is **MERCY** and **SALVATION** in the name of Jesus

Object: A book on the meaning of names
(should be available at library or online)

Scripture: **Matthew 1:21 (RSV or KJV)**
". . . she will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."



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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? 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.)*

Hovannes or 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 Mikael or 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 and have **mercy** on our souls. The Bible tells us that there is no other name that can **save** us.

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

Heavenly Father, we thank you that there is **mercy** and **salvation** in your Son, Jesus. Amen.