# The many Names of JESUS

The name Jesus means "Savior." Jesus was named prophetically. Matthew 1:20-21 says, "But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

In the Bible, Jesus is given many different names, which serve as a description of who Jesus is and how He works in the lives of individuals. Let's study a few of them here!



Create a Name Tag based on one of the names used for Jesus based Bible scripture.

#### SUPPLIES NEEDED

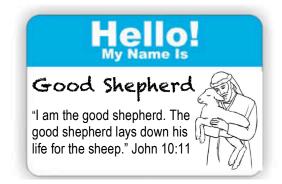
- Blank name tags (or use Template to follow)
- Scripture square cut-outs (to follow)
- Teachers Guide of Names of Jesus (to follow)
- Sharpie markers
- Bibles

#### **PREPARATION BEFORE ACTIVITY**

- Print and cut out the Name Tags (if using template)
- Print and cut out Scripture squares. Fold and put in a hat. (each student will select 1)

#### WHAT TO DO

- 1. Have each student pick a Scripture square from a hat (or randomly assign a scripture to each student.)
- 2. Instruct students to look up their scripture in the Bible and find the name being used for Jesus.
- 3. Then fill in the following information on a Name Tag based on their scripture: *(see example to right)* 
  - NAME used for Jesus
  - Bible verse and Scripture
  - Picture that represents His name
- 4. When done, invite students to wear their Name Tag and share their scripture, telling why this is a good name for Jesus.



# Scripture Squares

John 20:20	Matthew 22:43-44
John 1:1	John 4:25–26
Matthew 1:23	Revelation 1:8
	Revelation 22:13
John 8:12	John 1:29
	John 1:36
John 6:35	John 14:6
1 Corinthians 10:4	John 10:11
Matthew 2:2	Acts 5:31
Luke 23:3	Acts 13:23

## Teacher's Guide

## **Names Of Jesus**

**God** - Jesus is called God in several passages in the Bible. Along with His sinless life, miracles, and resurrection from the dead, His claims to be God stand firm (John 20:28).

**Lord** - In the New Testament, this term is used as a salutation to honor a man of distinction. The disciples used this term to salute Jesus as their teacher and master (Matthew 22:43-44).

**Word** - This title was used by the apostle John to describe the mission of Jesus. The title states Jesus' Godhead and eternal and absolute deity (John 1:1)

**Messiah** - The long awaited "anointed one" who would deliver Israel. Jesus came to deliver mankind from sin and death (John 4:25-26)

**Emmanuel** - "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, 'God is with us.'" (Matthew 1:23)

**Alpha and Omega** - These two characters were the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. This descriptive title expresses the eternal nature of God - the beginning and the end (Revelation 1:8; 22:13).

**Savior** - Jesus is the person who rescues mankind from an eternity in hell. (Acts 5:31; 13:23)

**Light of the World** - Jesus is the Person who brings true knowledge of God. Those who reject this light bring judgment upon themselves (John 8:12)

**Lamb of God** - This title refers to the Old Testament sacrificial system where God accepted the blood of animals as atonement for sin ((John 1:29, 36) Jesus' blood made atonement for sin!

**Bread of Life** - Jesus is the one and only supplier of true spiritual nourishment (John 6:35).

**Way, Truth, and Life** - Jesus is the only way to heaven, the only source of truth, and the foundation of all life (John 14:6).

Good Shepherd - (John 10:11)

King of the Jews - (Matthew 2:2; Luke 23:3)

The Rock - Jesus is our spiritual rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)

