



The Naming of Jesus

An-va-na-goh-choo-tyoon

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IN THE NAME OF JESUS

All around the world people pray in the name of Jesus in different languages. Can you match these names of Jesus to the places where they are used?

Counting letters is an important clue. Each name also has two clue letters to help you.

Jesucristo	Jesus Cristo	Yesu Kristo
Jesu Cristo	Jisas Kraiss	Yesu Kristu
Jesu Khrista	Jisu Krist	Zisas Kraist
Jesukristoe	Hisoos Kristos	

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3. Pacific Area (Bislama)
4. Chile (Spanish)
5. Armenia (Armenian)
6. Argentina (Mataco)
7. India (Naga:Konyak)
8. Brazil (Portuguese)
9. Bangladesh (Bawm)
10. Papua New Guinea (Siroi)
11. Zaire (Kiswahili)

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6 J E S U C R I S T O

7 J E S U K H R I S T A

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