THE MANY NAMES OF JESUS



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Do you know the many names of Jesus?

Jesus has over 200 names in the Bible and all of them give us a better understanding of the Messiah.



These names teach us that Jesus is strong, merciful, and loving. Knowing more about Him will help us grow closer to Him and build a stronger relationship with Him.



Jesus has been referred to as a **stone** and a **rock** many times in the Bible.

1 Peter 2:6

"See, I lay a **stone** in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in Him will never be put to shame."



Peter is quoting God, telling us that Jesus is the stone that will never put us to shame. Zion is a hill, a little mountain where Jerusalem was built.



Psalm 61:2

"From the ends of the earth I call to you, I call as my heart grows faint; lead me to the **rock** that is higher than I."



He is called "the rock that is higher than I." In other parts of the Bible, he is called "the rock of the ages" and "the rock of my salvation."

A metaphor is a figure of speech that is used to compare two things that aren't alike, but do have something in common. For example, Jesus is the strongest stone. He is not an actual stone, but he is strong like one. These metaphors through out the bible show us how He is our chief cornerstone, and without Him, our world would crumble.

Build a Cornerstone Tower

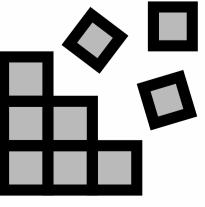
- 1. Dump your blocks onto a table.
- 2. Find the four biggest ones and put them in a row.
- 3. Start building the blocks higher with other sized blocks, four or five on each large block.
- 4. You should have four towers built on a cornerstone, which means "the first stone to be put in place."

Jesus is our cornerstone! He is so strong and big. He is the foundation of Christianity.

5. Now pull one of the bottom blocks out and see what happens to the rest.

6. Pull the other three one by one and see the blocks tumble down.

If we take Jesus away, which is the cornerstone (the biggest blocks), there is no Christianity. Our entire faith tumbled down when the first blocks that were placed were removed.



Light

Throughout the Bible, we read that there will be no need for a sun in Heaven, because the glory of God will be so bright!

John 12:46

"I have come into the world as a **light**, so that no one who believes in me should stay in darkness."

How do we get to Jesus in Heaven one day? By following the light- believing in Jesus. Jesus came as a light and left is with the light of His Word, and some day we will see the full light of God.

Luke 2:32

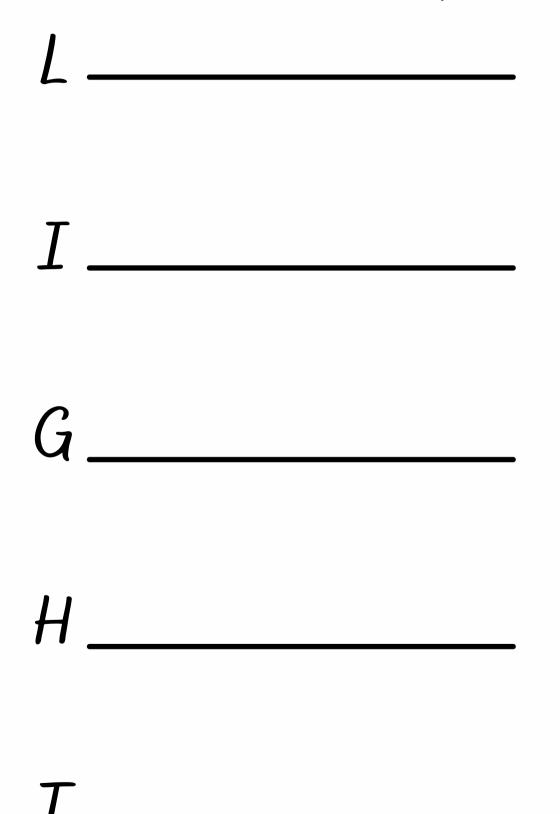
"...a **light** for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel."

The Gentiles (the non jewish people in the Bible) were sitting in
darkness, because they did not know Jesus. Jesus is a light, giving them a chance for redemption (forgiveness of sins).



Fill in the Word

Write a word that starts with the letter that reminds you of Jesus.



Lion & Lamb

Amos 3:8

"The **lion** has roared—who will not fear? The Sovereign Lord has spoken—who can but prophesy?



The lion represents Jesus' strength. Jesus "roars" in Heaven when someone does something mean, unfair, or hurtful to us.



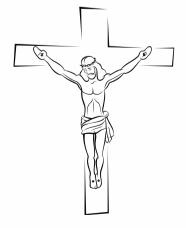


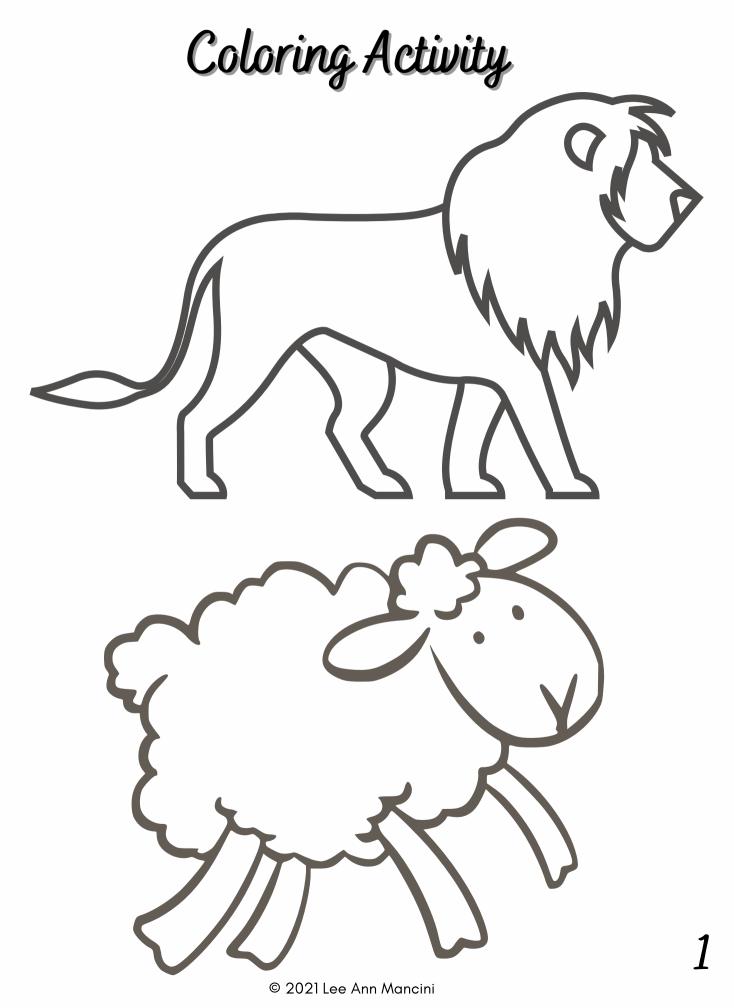
John 1:29

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the **Lamb** of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

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Jesus' gentle nature is similar to that of a lamb. He also was sacrificed for all of our sins when he died on the cross, and lambs were used in sacrificial practices through out the Bible.





Bird

God's Holy Spirit is referenced as a dove many times in the Bible. But Jesus is said to be a bird who will cover us up and shield us from evil.



Psalm 91:4

"He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart."

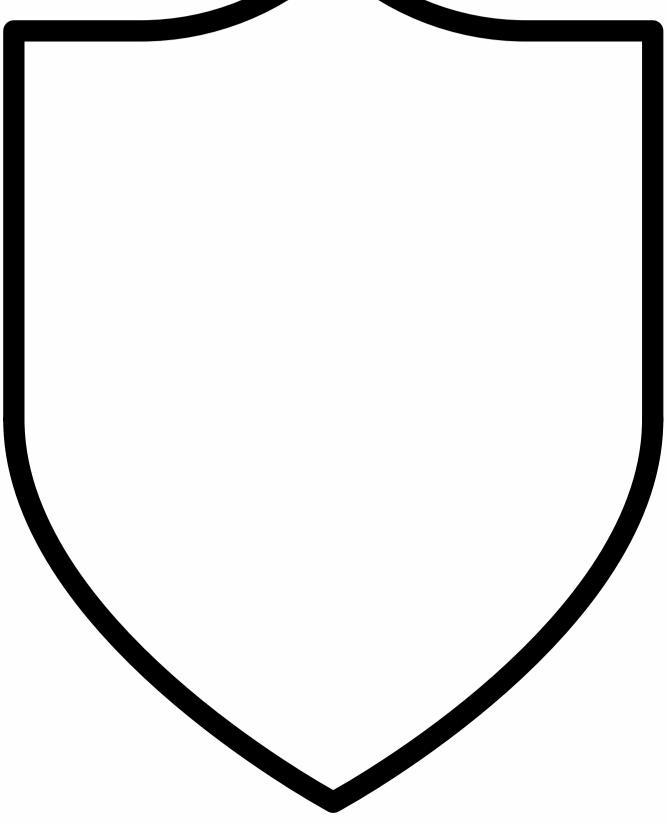


Jesus provides us with safety, no matter where we are. When bad things happen, it is good to pretend we are safe in Jesus's feathers. He will always shield us from harm!



Decorate Your Own Shield





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Names for Jesus often have to do with nature.

John 15:5

"I am the **vine**; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Jesus is the vine and we are the branches. He is the root- the source of all light, and he is the vine in which Christians receive their spiritual nourishment.

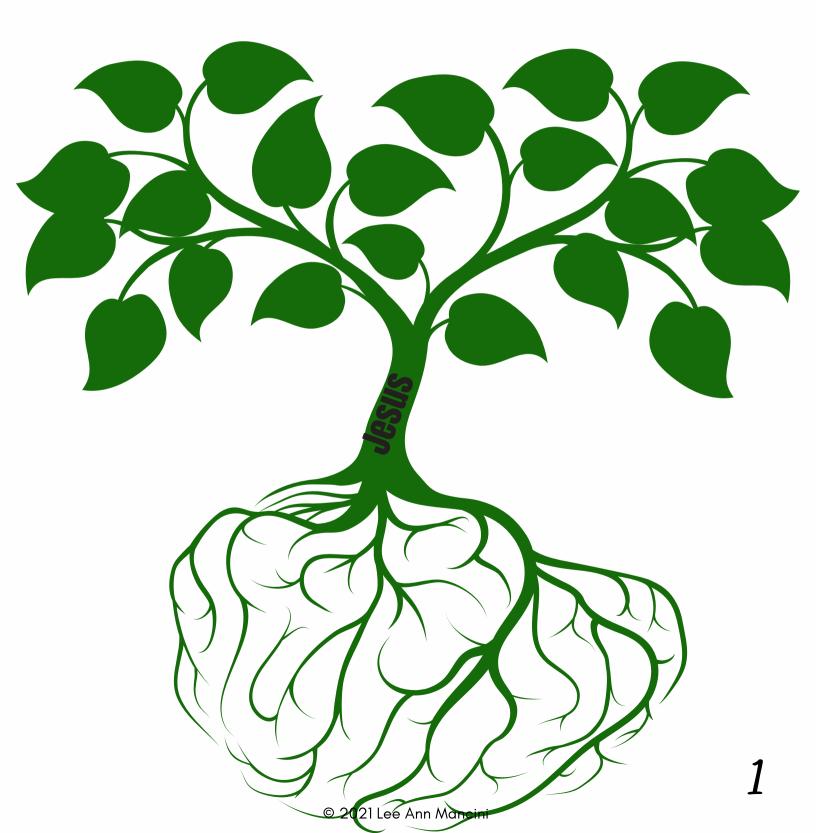


What happens if a branch get separated from a vine?

It dies. If the branch stays on the vine, it keeps blooming. This can be compared to our relationship with Jesus. In order for a tree or plant to bloom, the branches and the leaves must continue to grow and become stronger, just like our bond with Jesus!

Building a Family Vine

Have fun using the leaves and branches to write down your family members.



Prince of Peace

Without peace, the flow of life would not be possible.

Isaiah 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Jesus is called the Prince of Peace because He restores every broken relationship, provides a balanced life, and promises eternal life in Heaven.

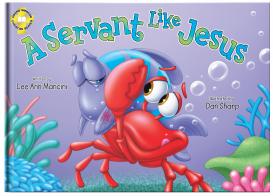


As the Prince of Peace, Jesus played the role of a servant while he was here on earth.





Write down some ways you can serve your parents, siblings, or teachers.





Jesus is a great King. He went into Heaven 40 days after He rose from the dead, and has been preparing his kingdom for everyone who believes in Him.

Revelation 1:5

"and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the **ruler of the kings** of the earth."

Jesus is called the King of Kings because He rules over the Heavens and the earth. We are his children, therefore we are royalty.



What does Jesus being a royal King say about us here on earth?

We are royalty. If we follow in Jesus' footsteps as princes and princesses in faith, we will be rewarded in Heaven. We are children of the King and we will get to live out eternity with our Heavenly Father!

Make Your Own Crown

Print and cut out these pieces to make your own crown. Remember, you are the child of a King!

