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- Every man, woman, and child has a name.
- I have a name and you have a name.
- If somebody asks you, "Who are you?" you tell them your name.
- Your name tells a lot about who you are.

• Your parents used your name when they called you, and when they talk to you, and when they talk about you.

• Your name means "YOU".

• And we respond to our name when people address us and talk to us.

- God's name tells us who God is.
- But God has many names.
- Sometimes we call Him "Father in heaven."
- Sometimes say "Mighty One."
- When we pray, we sometimes say, "Lord Jesus," or "Lord God."

- The Bible tells us about one VERY wonderful name of God.
- Long ago, God talked to a man named Moses.
- Moses wanted to help his people because they were in trouble in Egypt.
- But Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, was so angry at Moses that Moses had to run away.

- Then, one day, when Moses was taking care of sheep, he saw a bush on fire.
- The bush burned and burned, but it did not burn up.
- Moses went to see why the bush did not burn up.
- And then God spoke to Moses "out of" the burning bush.

- God told Moses to go to Egypt, to help His people.
- He said to Moses, "Go and bring My people out of Egypt."
- But Moses was "afraid" to go back to Egypt.
- He was afraid of Pharaoh.

• He said, "What shall I tell them if they ask who sent me?"

• God said to Moses, "Tell them "I AM" has sent you."

• God said, "My name is "I AM".

- Isn't that a strange name for God?
- It is a name that tells us wonderful truths about God.

• IAM means:

I never had a beginning;

I have always been;

I do not change;

I will always be the same.

• The name <u>I AM</u> tells us that God is "eternal", that he is "forever the same", and that He is "faithful", never changing, always keeping His promises.

- The MOST wonderful name of God is JESUS!!
- It is a Name above ALL OTHER names.
- The Bible says that some day every knee will bow at the Name of Jesus.
- THAT Name tells us He is our SAVIOR.

• God's law tells us that we must use God's names carefully.

• We must use is names only when we "talk" to Him, or when we talk "about" Him.

• God's names are "holy", because God is holy.

- It is an amazing and truly beautiful thing that God has revealed Himself to us by His names.
- That we can call God by name makes Him a close and ever-present, loving being.
- He is not some far off "nameless" being but a close, dear, and living Friend.

- Let's look at some Bible verses of people calling on God's Name:
- From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD. (Genesis 12:8)
- Abraham called on the Name of the Lord.

- Isaac built an altar there and called on the name of the LORD. There he pitched his tent, and there his servants dug a well. (Genesis 26:25)
- Isaac called on the name of the Lord.

- Then Asa called to the LORD his God and said, "LORD, there is no one like you to help the powerless against the mighty. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rely on you, and in your name we have come against this vast army. O LORD, you are our God; do not let man prevail against you." (2 Chron.14:11)
- King Asa called on the name of the Lord in a time of trouble.

- Moses and Aaron were among his priests, Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them. (Psalm 99:6)
- Moses, Aaron, Samuel called on the name of the Lord and He answered them.

- Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done. (Psalm 105:1)
- he who builds his lofty palace in the heavens and sets its foundation on the earth, who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out over the face of the land— the LORD is his name.

 (Amos 9:6)

• The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. (John 10:3)

And Jesus called us by name.

LET'S PRAY:

- God, our Father in heaven, we are so glad that we can call You by name.
- We know You always hear us.
- Bless us, dear Lord; and help us to honor Your holy Name.

- Your Name is Powerful, Mighty, Everlasting and the Name Above All Names.
- What a joy it is to know You by Your Name.
- We can call You by Your name and You call us by our name!!

- Thank You for revealing Yourself to us.
- And calling us by Name!!
- In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

- Why was Moses afraid to go and help God's people?
- How did God's name help Moses not to be afraid?
- What are some of Your favorite names you call God?
- Why is Jesus' Name the best name of all?

MEMORY VERSE:

"Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever." (Daniel 2:20)

SUGGESTED READING:

• Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." (Exodus 3:1-4)

- So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt."
- But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"
- And God said, "I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain."
- Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?"
- God said to Moses, "I am who I am .This is what you are to say to the Israelites: 'I AM has sent me to you.' " (Exodus 3:10-14)

A POEM:

Come, Thou Almighty King
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of days.

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LET'S PRAY: