



### GLOSSARY

**ASK:** Ask a question that will help them to think about how this information makes a difference in the life.

**SHARE:** Talk about your own experience as a disciple of Jesus.

**EXPLAIN:** This is a piece of information that will help to explain the topic.

## Why does God have so many names? (Character and Nature of God)

**'A child has been born for us. We have been given a son who will be our ruler, His names will be Wonderful Advisor and Might God, Eternal Father and Prince of Peace  
Isaiah 9:6 (CEV)**

### Activity

Read this list of names. You can both clap every time you mention a name that is used for God. (They are the ones in bold)

Johnny	Susie
<b>Lord</b>	Ben
Peter	<b>Hosanna</b>
<b>Prince of Peace</b>	Riley
Greg	<b>Mighty God</b>
<b>Saviour</b>	Nathan
<b>Father</b>	<b>Christ</b>
<b>Lily of the Valley</b>	<b>Comforter</b>
James	Mum
<b>Jehovah</b>	<b>Rock</b>
<b>Wonderful Advisor</b>	<b>Counsellor</b>
Madison	<b>Light of the Word</b>
Billy	Angela
<b>Shepherd</b>	<b>Holy Spirit</b>

## Chat

ASK: What's your mum/dad's name?

ASK: How many different names can you think of that people call your mum/dad?

SHARE: My mum/dad gets called different names as well... Some people call them... (e.g. Mama, Papa, Joe, Sally, Mr, Mrs etc...)

ASK: What is one name you know for God?

EXPLAIN: Just like our mum/dad have different names, God also gets called lots of different names. Some people call God different names because of the relationship they have with Him. Some call him Creator because he created the whole world. Some call him Saviour, because he saved us. Some also call him Father because He is the Heavenly Father.

ASK: You have already told me one name you know for God. Can you think of any more?

SHARE: One of my favourite names for God is... I like this name because...

EXPLAIN: The many names of God help us to understand what he is like. This is called the character of God. God is loving, kind, forgiving, faithful and more. Abraham was a man who lived a loooooong time ago. There are some stories about Abraham in the Bible. God gave Abraham everything he needed for himself and his family. So, Abraham called God 'Jehovah Jireh' which means 'the Lord will provide'.

SHARE: Share an example of a nick name you have for a person or a couple of people because of their character. (For example, Gentle Giant, Sunshine, Lovely, Monkey etc...) and/or because of what they do. (EG Doctor, Coach, Teacher, Captain... etc.)

ASK: What name do you have for someone because of something they do or the type of person they are?

EXPLAIN: Some people say God is too big for just one name. There is a song that says...

My God is so big  
So strong and so Mighty  
There's nothing my God cannot do

NOTE: You may wish to sing this song together or listen to it...  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q320dTsx1c>

## Activity

Make a list of names for God and then draw a picture of your favourite name from that list.

For example,

Father - Draw a picture of your dad

Rock - Draw a picture of a rock

You may wish to draw more than one picture if you have time.

## Application

Each time you hear a different name, whether it is your own name or the name of someone else, remember that God is mighty enough to have many names and near enough to be your friend.

## Prayer

Dear God, thank you for my name and that you love me enough to know my name. Help me to remember that you have lots of different names that help me to understand who you are and how great you are. Amen

## Journal

Think about the different names for God. Choose one and write it down the side of your page. Then use the letters from that word to either write other words or draw pictures to help remind you of who God is.

For example:


L - Loving


O - One True God

R - Rock

D - Dad

Or

L - 

O - 

R - 

D - 

## Key point

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## Little Chats - Why does God have so many names

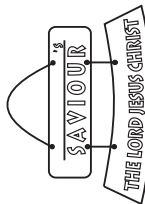
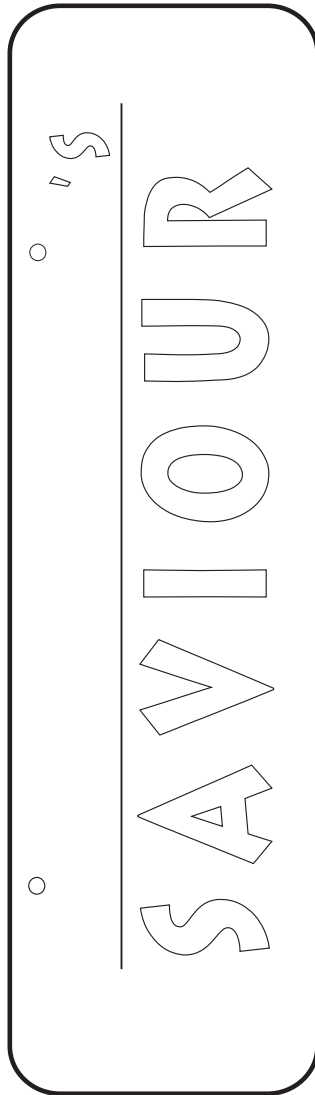
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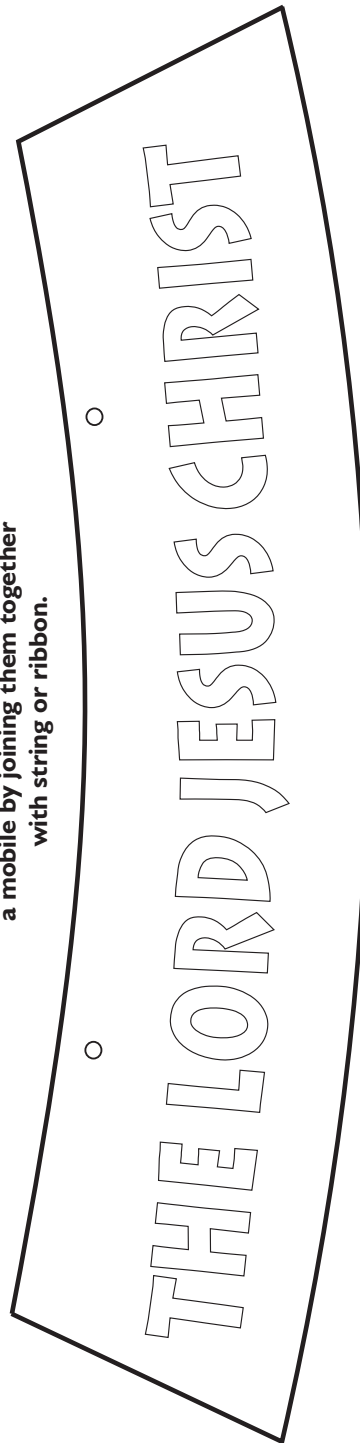
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Cut out the two pieces and make into a mobile by joining them together with string or ribbon.



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