

*In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, He gave names to everything except the animals.* “He called the light Day and the darkness He called Night” (Genesis 1:5). In Genesis 2:19 God brought all the animals to Adam “to see what he would call them. And whatever he called the living creature that was its name.”

Naming is the privilege of God the Creator. He named what He made. But God also gave men and women the authority to name what they create: our children, our land, our businesses, and more. Naming is a God-like quality that makes us distinct from all the rest of creation. What we name our children is important, empowering our sons and daughters with an important facet of their identity, which they will carry for life.

- How does it feel to be given the power of naming?
- Do you sense the kindness of God plus the responsibility to choose well?

When you name your doll or a pet, you are making an important decision that is part of growing into an adult.

- Talk about your favorite names and why you like them.
- How does it feel to have a special nickname?
- How does it feel when a nickname is rude and destructive?

Think this week about the importance of names and ask God to help you speak names of value. Also ask Him to help you notice and ponder the meaning in the names of people, places, and things all around you.



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Our help is  
NAME  
of the LORD  
WHO MADE HEAVEN AND EARTH.

*Psalm 124:8*