



How Majestic is Your Name

Overview for Parents

This year, your son or daughter will be studying God's use of His names as a means to reveal His character. Perhaps you are wondering, "Why a

study for young people on the names of God? Isn't it enough for them to know a few names, such as God, Good Shepherd, Jesus, Messiah, and Savior? Do they really need to know all these names that many adults don't even know?"

While it is true that young people do not need to know all these names, a study of God's names is spiritually *profitable* because a study of the names of God is a study of the character of God. As youth see who God really is, the irresistible goodness and greatness of His character will draw them to Him. How can you help but admire a God like *Elohim*, who created the whole universe from within Himself? How can you help but stand in awe of *Yahweh*, who exists without need of anyone or anything? How can you not be attracted to *Jehovah-Jireh*, who anticipates your every need? How can you not be comforted by *El Roi*, who sees every situation you face in life, or by *Jehovah-Shammah*, who is "there" for you at all times? How can you not love *Jehovah-Rohi*, who watches over you with a Shepherd's love for His sheep? As the Scripture says:

And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.—Psalm 9:10

It is our prayer that as your son or daughter studies these names and the character of God is impressed on your child's mind and heart, his or her response will be like David's:

***O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
—Psalm 8:1a***

Names of God

Elohim, God (Who is the Strong Creator)
Jehovah, Yahweh, I Am: Self-existent One, Unchanging One
Elohim Kedoshim, The Holy God
El Shaddai, God Almighty
Adonai, Lord, Master
Jehovah-Jireh, The LORD Will Provide
El Roi, The God Who Sees
Jehovah-Rophe, The LORD Who Heals
Jehovah-Sabaoth, The LORD of Hosts
Jehovah-Nissi, The LORD My Banner
Jehovah-Shalom, The LORD is Peace
Jehovah-Rohi, The LORD My Shepherd
Jehovah-Shammah, The LORD Who is There
Jehovah-El Emeth, The LORD God of Truth
Jehovah-Maginnenu, The LORD Our Defense
El Emunah, The Faithful God
Jehovah-Or, The LORD is Light
El Elyon: The Most High, King of Kings
 Other Names: Fortress, Refuge, Hiding Place, Rock, Mighty God (*El Gibbor*), Lion of the Tribe of Judah, God of Our Fathers, *El Olam* (The Everlasting God), King of the Nations, King of the Ages, King Eternal, King of Heaven, Helper, Living God, Wonderful Counselor
 Father, *Abba* Father
 The Word
 Lamb of God, Savior, Messiah
 High Priest, Mediator
 Cornerstone
 Overcomer
 Coming King
 Judge of the Whole Earth
Alpha and *Omega*
 The Unknown Name
El Kana, A Jealous God
 Counselor, Helper

Using the Growing in Faith Together Pages

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.—Deuteronomy 6:6-7

How easy it is to share our faith with our children if we really believe that God's character is portrayed in His awesome array of names. *El Roi*, The God Who Sees, knows every heartache, frustration, joy, victory, and defeat, and He looks upon us with eyes of compassion. *Jehovah-Jireh*, our Provider, will give us patience to deal with a difficult boss, wisdom to parent our children well, and resolve to live with integrity. *Jehovah-Shalom* can give us peace and assurance that He is in control in the midst of unemployment or unexplained illness. Real life experiences shared in the framework of your faith in God could be used by God to encourage your child to trust in Him. Truth imparted in the context of relationship often has the greatest impact on the heart.

To help you nurture your child's faith and maximize the benefit of this study, the Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) Page you will receive each week includes the following:

MAIN IDEAS AND SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

It is difficult to pass on biblical truth with heart and passion if it is not first in our own heart. Main Ideas and Scripture references are provided so you can dwell on these truths as you ask God to reveal the greatness of His character and to make the truth live in you.

LESSON SUMMARY AND PRAYER POINT

The lesson summary is an overview of the material taught and a challenge to your own faith, so interactions with your child can be well informed and heartfelt. Each summary concludes with a prayer point. Without the work of the Holy Spirit in your child's heart, these lessons will merely add to his or her store of biblical knowledge. While it is crucial to increase biblical knowledge, as "faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ" (Romans 10:17), faith grows by the incentive of God in a person's heart (John 6:44). May God give you the resolve to bring your child before His throne daily. He loves to answer the faithful prayers of His children!

MEMORY VERSE

We encourage you and your family to join your child in memorizing each week. Scripture memorization is of vital importance in spiritual growth. The memorized Word is an ever-present counselor and an effective weapon against the enemy's attacks. With your help, your child will have

hundreds of verses learned by the end of adolescence, an amazing storehouse of truth for life! May God equip you to cultivate a lifelong habit of Bible memorization.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

The names of God are a revelation of His character. Your child can memorize these names and become more "knowledgeable" or, more importantly, God could so move to make these names live in your child's heart. To that end, the "As You Walk By the Way" discussions are very important, as you share your heart for God in casual conversation centered on the suggestions given.

ACTION STEP

Your child will be challenged to take one action step in response to each lesson, with the hope that head knowledge of spiritual truth will become a heart response. Ask your child to record this action step, and then provide encouragement as you observe your child acting on the truth and applying it in daily life. By acting on the truth of God's Word, head knowledge will become heart response. Faith will grow as God is found to be faithful and true.

APPLYING GOD'S TRUTH

This section encourages your child to memorize the weekly verse and pray for his or her own heart and relationship with God. Follow-up exercises include a short written response, which encourages your child to meditate on the Word and internalize the truth, while learning to record spiritual insights, concerns, prayers, and answers to prayer. Your involvement as you interact over these responses will not only encourage him or her to complete the exercises, but may be a means to further spiritual conversation as you seek to lead your child to trust in our great God.

OTHER FORMATS

Growing in Faith Together Pages are also available as a spiral-bound booklet in quantities of 10, and as a GIFT Page App for use on smart phones and tablet devices. See childrendesiringGOD.org for more information.

PARTNERING WITH YOU

We look forward to partnering with you this year so that the next generation may put their trust in God. If we may be of help to you in any way, please contact us.

Scope and Sequence

Lesson 1: Names

God is so great that He uses many names to reveal to us who He is.

Memory Verse: Psalm 8:1

Lesson 2: God's Name

God will protect His name.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 18:10

Lesson 3: Elohim, God (Who is the Strong Creator)

God creates from nothing, from within Himself.

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 32:17

Lesson 4: Jehovah, Yahweh, I Am, Self-Existent One, Unchanging One

God exists by His own power; God does not change.

Memory Verses: Acts 17:24-25

Lesson 5: Elohim Kedoshim, The Holy God

God is unique in His greatness and supreme goodness. Our response to God should be to worship Him and to imitate Him as a holy people.

Memory Verse: Psalm 96:9

Lesson 6: El Shaddai, God Almighty

God is all-powerful.

Memory Verse: Job 42:2

Lesson 7: Adonai, Lord, Master

God is our Lord and Master.

Memory Verse: Luke 6:46

Lesson 8: Jehovah-Jireh, The LORD Will Provide

God foresees our needs, and He provides for us.

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

Lesson 9: El Roi, The God Who Sees

God sees everything and looks upon His creation with eyes of compassion

Memory Verses: Psalm 34:15-16

Lesson 10: Jehovah-Rophe, The LORD Who Heals

God is our Healer.

Memory Verses: Psalm 103:2-3

Lesson 11: Jehovah-Sabaoth, The LORD of Hosts

God protects His people and leads them to victory.

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:7

Lesson 12: Jehovah-Nissi, The LORD My Banner

Victory comes from the Lord.

Memory Verse: Psalm 20:6

Lesson 13: Jehovah-Shalom, The LORD is Peace

Peace comes from God.

Memory Verse: Isaiah 26:3

Lesson 14: Jehovah-Rohi, The LORD My Shepherd

God knows His own and cares for us as a shepherd cares for his sheep.

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1

Lesson 15: Jehovah-Shammah, The LORD Who is There

God is always present with His people.

Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9

Lesson 16: Jehovah-El Emeth, The LORD God of Truth

God will lead us in the truth if we trust Him.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 30:5

Lesson 17: Jehovah-Maginnenu, The LORD Our Defense

God will defend those who trust in Him.

Memory Verses: Psalm 37:5-6

Lesson 18: El Emunah, The Faithful God

God's faithfulness to His people endures forever.

Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 7:9

Lesson 19: Jehovah-Or, The LORD is Light

God is light, in Him is no darkness.

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:5

Lesson 20: El Elyon, The Most High, King of Kings

God will not allow another to take His place.

Memory Verse: Psalm 47:2

Lesson 21: Review of the Hebrew Names of God Review of previous themes	<i>Memory Verse: Review of Previous Verses</i>
Lesson 22: God is Our Fortress, and More Names of God God has other names that help describe who He is.	<i>Memory Verse: Jeremiah 10:6</i>
Lesson 23: King of the Nations, and More Names of God God has more names that help describe who He is.	<i>Memory Verse: Jeremiah 10:10a</i>
Lesson 24: Father, Abba Father God is a Father to those who believe in His name.	<i>Memory Verse: John 1:12</i>
Lesson 25: The Word Jesus is fully God.	<i>Memory Verse: John 1:1</i>
Lesson 26: Lamb of God, Savior, Messiah Jesus paid the price for man's sin.	<i>Memory Verses: 1 Peter 3:18</i>
Lesson 27: High Priest, Mediator Jesus, the Perfect High Priest, intercedes for those who trust in Him.	<i>Memory Verse: 1 Timothy 2:5</i>
Lesson 28: Cornerstone Jesus is a precious cornerstone to those who believe Him and a stumbling block to others.	<i>Memory Verse: 1 Peter 2:6</i>
Lesson 29: Overcomer Jesus will return with great power and authority, and crush the powers of evil. Jesus helps His children overcome sin in their lives.	<i>Memory Verse: 1 John 4:4b</i>
Lesson 30: Coming King Everyone will bow under the authority of Jesus.	<i>Memory Verses: Philippians 2:8-9</i>
Lesson 31: Judge of the Whole Earth God is a just judge, and He will eternally punish those who do not trust Him, but He will reward believers.	<i>Memory Verse: Romans 8:1</i>
Lesson 32: Alpha and Omega God is the author and the finisher of history.	<i>Memory Verses: Romans 11:34-36</i>
Lesson 33: Unknown Name God is incomprehensible, yet He can be known by those who seek Him.	<i>Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:13</i>
Lesson 34: El Kana, A Jealous God God is a jealous God who does not allow another to take His place; anything we treasure more than we treasure God is an idol.	<i>Memory Verse: Matthew 6:24</i>
Lesson 35: Counselor, Helper The Holy Spirit convicts man of sin, leads man to repentance, and creates new life and the character of Christ in the believer.	<i>Memory Verse: John 8:32</i>
Lesson 36: Salvation in No Other Name Trusting in the work of Jesus is the only means of salvation. God accepts anyone who calls on His name.	<i>Memory Verse: Acts 4:12</i>
Lesson 37: Response to the Name Everyone responds to the name of God, either positively or negatively.	<i>Memory Verse: Psalm 34:8</i>
Lesson 38: Honoring God's Name God's name is precious. We are to strive to bring honor to God's name.	<i>Memory Verse: Exodus 20:7</i>
Lesson 39: Worthy to Suffer for the Name Our desire should be to make Jesus known, even if it requires suffering. The way to endure in suffering is to abide in Jesus.	<i>Memory Verses: James 1:2-3</i>
Lesson 40: Trusting in God's Name God will protect His name; God will not forsake his children for His name's sake.	<i>Memory Verses: Psalm 9:10</i>