

Cut out each name tag. Use some thread or wool to hang them on your Christmas tree.

A name for Christmas:
CHRIST

A name for Christmas:
JESUS

A name for Christmas:
IMMANUEL

Jonathan means "gift of God"



The forever King

The name **Christ** means **God's** _____

After he had been killed, Jesus didn't stay dead! God brought him back to life again. Jesus is still alive today, living in heaven and ruling as King of everything. And one day Jesus will come back again. When he does, the world as we know it will end, and everyone who loves Jesus will live with him in his perfect world for ever.

A name for Christmas

Look again at the three names written on the name tags. They remind us about who Jesus is, why he was born at that very first Christmas, and how we can know that God is with us today. Why not hang the name tags on your tree?

And if you would like to find out more about Jesus, ask the person who gave you this leaflet or join a church where they teach about him.

If you want, you may like to use this prayer to talk to God. It's the kind of prayer he loves to hear and answer!

*Dear Jesus, thank you for coming at the first Christmas.
Thank you that you are "God with us", and that you came to save us.
Please help me to learn more about you. Amen.*

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The Christmas
NAME GAME

What is your name? _____

Do you know what it means? _____
(If not, ask an adult—or choose something you'd like it to mean!)

But what about the baby born at the very first Christmas?
What did **his** names mean? Look inside to find out...

The first Christmas

Jesus was born 2000 years ago in the country of Israel. Matthew, one of the writers of the Bible, tells us about it:

Matthew chapter 1 verses 18–23

¹⁸ The mother of **Jesus Christ** was Mary. And this is how the birth of Jesus came about.

²⁰ An angel of the Lord came to Joseph in a dream. The angel said, “Joseph, descendant of David, don’t be afraid to take Mary as your wife. The baby in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son. You will name the son Jesus. Give him that name because he will save his people from their sins.”

²² All this happened to make clear the full meaning of what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ “The virgin will be pregnant. She will have a son, and they will name him **Immanuel**.” This name means “God is with us.”

Did you spot the three names for the Christmas baby? Take the first letter of each picture to find out what they mean.



The name **Immanuel** means _____ is _____

Jesus was born as a human baby—kicking and crying and wriggling like any other baby does. But Jesus was more than just a baby. He was also God’s Son. When people saw that baby, or saw the man Jesus grew up to be, they were seeing God! God really was **with them**. Wow!

But that’s not the only name this special baby was given...

Asha means
“hope”

Rico means
“strong ruler”



The name **Jesus** means _____

It tells us who Jesus is: He is **G** _____

It tells us what Jesus does: He **S** _____

So Jesus is a Saviour—a Rescuer. But why do we need to be saved?

The greatest Rescue

Jesus came to rescue people from something so HUGE that it affects everyone in the world. It is called “sin”, which is a Bible word for all the times we ignore God and do what **we** want instead of what **God** wants. Sin gets in the way between us and God and stops us being his friends. You can see why we need rescuing!

The angel told Joseph that Jesus was going to “save his people from their sins”, and that’s exactly what he did.

Even though Jesus was God’s Son, he died the most horrible death you can imagine. When he was about 33 years old, he was nailed to a cross and left to die. As Jesus died, all the sins of the world (all the wrongs people do) were put onto him. He took the punishment for all that sin.

That means that anyone who trusts in Jesus can have their sin forgiven and can be friends with God again. That’s wonderful news!

But there is one more special name for Jesus...

Markus means
“hammer”

Tallulah means
“running water”

Sarah means
“princess”

The name
CHRIST
means:

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The name
IMMANUEL
means:

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The name
JESUS
means:

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Fill in these name
tags to show what
each name means.

