

The Best Name!

It's fun to think about names.
For example, do you know what your name means?
Here are some beginning with the letter "A":



Alanna means *beautiful*.
Alex – *defender of mankind*.
Alison – *noble sort*.
Amanda – *lovable*.
Andrew – *warrior*.
Anita – *grace*.
Aaron – *high mountain*.
Albert – *bright nobility*.



Do you think your name says exactly what you're like? Maybe – or maybe not.
Your name's meaning cannot guarantee what you are really like.



Your full name is **special**. It identifies you as a **unique person** – unlike any other. If I said your name to your teacher, he/she would probably be able to say all kinds of things about you as a person (yikes!) – for example, the things you're good at, the subjects you enjoy, or how you are with other people.

Wouldn't it be great if, by choosing our name, we could become what that name means? What would you like your name to mean? Perhaps you'd like *honest*, or *good friend*, or *loyal*, or *kind*. I don't imagine anyone would want a name that means *thief*, or *bad sport*, or *meanie*.

There's another name that is very important:
Jesus Christ.
That name belongs to **God's Son**. It's the most important name in the whole world.

The name Jesus means *The Lord is salvation*, and Christ means *Anointed one (Saviour)*.

Jesus' name says exactly who He is: the **Lord** and the **Saviour**. His name has great **power**, and that's why we always say that name with respect.
We don't toss it around as some people do.

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." – Acts 4:12

But Jesus can **save us only if** we **put our trust in Him**. Then, we can call on Him to help in all that we do. We get to carry His great name like our very own – that's why we're called **Christ-ians**.
So who says we can't have the name we want!
The best name in the whole world!

