



IN GOD'S NAME Study Guide

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1. God created the world and all that is in it. Everything God created has a name. There are many different kinds of names.

A violet is a flower. Its name tells us about it. What color do you think a violet is?

“Dog” and “cat” are short names that are easy to say. That’s good because we use their names many times during the day.

Some names are fun to say. “Hippopotamus” and “Rhinoceros” are names like that.

What are some of your favorite names for what God created?

2. Our names are important, too. We are all boys or girls, men or women. But we also have another name, a name that is special just to us.

What is your special name?

3. People wanted to give God a special name. This video showed us some of the names people had for God.

Who called God the “source of life”? Why?

Who called God the “creator of light”? Why?

How is God like a “rock”?

How is God like a “mother” or a “father”?

How is God like a “friend”?

What is your favorite name for God?

4. When all the people looked into God’s mirror, they realized that all the names for God were good, and no name was better than another. That’s when God listened to everybody. Why do you think God was pleased with the people then?

5. Listen to the song at the end of the video again.

“All together we’re all the same when we come together in God’s name.”

What can we do when we come together in God’s name?

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1. Everything God created has been given a name. Some of these names are descriptive such as a “violet”. Some names are short and common such as “dog” or “cat”. Some names are even rather interesting such as “hippopotamus” and “rhinoceros”. This video invites us to explore names people have given to God. What is the name you most often call God in your prayers or what image comes to mind when you think of God?

2. Our names are important, too. We are all boys or girls, men or women. But we also have other names, names that are unique to us. Perhaps you have “Mary” or “John” as your given name. However you probably have collected some nicknames along the way. Your grandmother may call you a special name and your friends may call you a different name. Some of these names may indicate your relationship with people, such as “son” or “daughter”. Others may indicate what your interests or skills are such as “computer nerd” or “hoopster”.

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What are your special names?

3. People have always wanted to give God a special name. This video showed us some of the names people had for God. Think about each one of these. Which ones indicate something about the person's relationship with God? Which ones come from an interest or skill they have found out about God?

Source of Life	Creator of Light	Shepherd
Maker of Peace	Rock	Healer
Redeemer	Ancient One	Comforter
Mother	Father	Friend

4. The video says that when all the people came together in "God's mirror", they knew that all the names for God were good, and no name was better than another."

People from various religious traditions have named God differently. What do the Jewish people call God? What do the Muslim people call God? What do Christian people call God? What can all of us learn from "God's mirror" today?

5. The song at the end of the video states that "all together we're all the same when we come together in God's name." Though we are uniquely different, how are we all the same when we come together in God's name?

6. Also, the song at the end of the video gives us promises of what the world could be like if we do things together in God's name. What are some of the things we can accomplish if we act in God's "Oneness"?

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Can we shine like the stars above us?
Yes, my people, oh yes, we can!
We can shine like the stars above us,
If we live our lives in God's name.

Can we all learn to share our love?
Yes, my people, oh yes, we can!
We can all learn to share our love,
If we learn to love in God's name.

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Sing ev'rybody.
In God's name
All you people
All together we're all the same
When we come together in God's name.

Can we live like sisters and brothers?
Yes, my people, oh yes, we can!

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We can live like sisters and brothers
If we live our lives in God's name.
Can we all find peace and justice?
Yes, my people, oh yes we can!
We can all find peace and justice,
If we work for it in God's name.

REFRAIN: In God's name
Sing ev'rybody.
In God's name
All you people
All together we're all the same
When we come together in God's name.

In God's name
Sing ev'rybody.
In God's name
All you people
All together we're all the same
When we come together in God's name.
We can learn to love in God's name.
Sister, brothers in God's name
Shine like stars above in God's name
In God's name.

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