

NEW for 2022 from InsideOut

WHAT'S IN A NAME

Summer Camp Curriculum

Naming and Claiming Who God Made Us to Be

Names have great power. Some hold special meanings and some come with expectations. In a lifetime, we may give new meaning to our name or take a new name. Along the journey, we discover who we are and how God equips us to care for others.

In this new resource from InsideOut, we will look at how people confronted expectations, confounded others' assumptions, and forged new identities. Campers are invited to use the sacred ground of Camp to reflect on who they are as an individual and how they are connected to others. As we explore, we are reminded that God knows us beyond any name we might be called and invites us into relationship.

Campers will be assured that Christ's grace meets us when we make mistakes, and his love greets us when we open our hearts. As we grow, learn, and discover our true self, we define our own name and find our place as a child of God.



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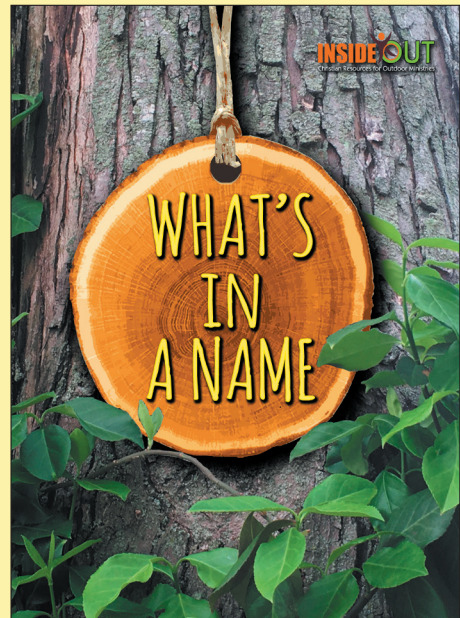
What's in a Name all-inclusive summer camp curriculum includes materials for a full week's worth of activities for five different age levels. You'll find:

- Bible study and community building activities for 5 age groups
- Separate worship resources designed specifically for children and youth
- Activity sheets to send home with campers to help engage families
- Crafts, games, science & nature, multi-day projects, challenge & group building, and more!

And new for 2022, "Letters from Camp" – templates you can adapt and send out to campers and families all year long.

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Daily Overview for **WHAT'S IN A NAME**

Day	Scripture	Theme	Story	Campers Will
Day 1	Exodus 3:1-15	Name Dropping	Burning Bush	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider how the presence of spirit makes a place holy examine ways God has been faithful through generations ponder how the act of naming reflects a deeper knowing be assured that God knows us by name
Day 2	Luke 19: 1-10	Name Calling	Zacchaeus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> understand that Jesus loves beyond assumptions and divisions identify how our personal labels create limits identify their power to transcend labels covenant to move beyond labels and practice acceptance
Day 3	Luke 1:57-66	Given Name	Elizabeth names John	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> explore the expectations placed on them identify ways they are pressured to follow the crowd learn that challenging norms can be liberating see the ways God is nurturing something new in them
Day 4	Ruth 1	That's Not My Name	Naomi names herself	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> discover people in the Bible named difficult feelings be empowered to claim their own identity be encouraged to respect the experiences of others consider faith may not lead to easy answers
Day 5	Genesis 32:22-31	Name Tag	Jacob becomes Israel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> consider how pivotal moments can change their identity explore how a spiritual encounter can reroute one's path acknowledge moments that have forever changed us examine how we mark important moments
Day 6	Mathew 16:13-18	What's in a Name	Simon becomes Peter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize names can be a reminder of their potential realize potential is not always immediately fulfilled embrace failure as part of their story be empowered to live into their story
Day 7	Exodus 3:1-15	More Than A Name	Burning Bush	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> recognize that identity lies more in who you are than what you're named know encountering the holy cannot be limited by words

Through time and in sacred moments, names take on meaning beyond the spoken syllables. Our attempts to name God show the relational power of names and remind us that no name will fully encompass God. We also try to name ourselves in ways that give meaning or make sense of the world. Sometimes naming and labeling can become divisive or hurtful. Other times, the way we name others can defy expectations, like Jesus calling Zacchaeus into relationship. Sometimes advocates in our lives empower us beyond the limits of expectations and society's structures, such as Elizabeth defying tradition to give her child a new name. Often it is our own experience and struggle that forges our identity. In scripture, Naomi demonstrates the power of naming our emotions and the ways they mark us. While she is identifying her sorrow, we can see her strength and find the confidence to name our own reality. Facing his own struggle, Jacob finds himself transformed so much he is given a new name. His story shows us how wrestling with our feelings and our faith can change us in profound ways and remembering such moments can give new meaning to our lives. While Jacob was grasping for a blessing, Peter was wrestling with expectations and potential. Jesus blesses him and makes bold proclamations that unfold over time. Through betrayals and biases, failure shapes Peter into a powerful leader whose service still impacts us today. As we reflect on these stories, the names of characters, and the names of those who have shaped us, we are comforted by a God who is bigger than all our questions. We are accompanied by a God who transcends our words. We go out to serve in the name of God, who empowers us to name every moment and every place as holy ground.