

NAME RECOGNITION LURE

Lesson Plan

Open lesson with talk about the children and their names. Tell how parents choose their child's name very carefully because they are very special and unique. Many names have beautiful meanings, such as : Michael or Michele means "who is like God"; Christine or Christopher means "Christ bearer". A book of names will give many names and their meanings.

God created all of us, loves us and knows all of our names. God knows that your families carefully chose your names while they waited for you to be born.

- Children can tell who they were named after
- What their name means if they know it.
- Special stories about their name.

Discuss with the children all the people who know their name and why.

- Parents
- Coaches
- Relatives
- Teachers and catechists
- School nurse, principal
- Family doctor

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- How would you feel if someone knew your name that you didn't know?
- How did they know your name?
- How did that make you feel?
- Remember, God loves us and wants everyone to treat us with respect. Our feelings tell us whether someone makes us feel comfortable or not. Can we refuse to go with someone we are uncomfortable with just because they know our name?

As each of questions 1 through 3 is handled, go back to reinforce the holiness of God's name and the special dignity and respect God wants for all of us. God knows us by our names and wants us to be holy and to treat each other as created in God's image.

Role play #4.

- Discuss questions 5 through 8 and reinforce the holiness of God's name, our special dignity as God's creation and our uniqueness as children of God who knows our names and loves us.

Final Prayer

Finish lesson by affirming each of the children with a prayer of blessing. Put your hand on the child's head and pray:

(Child's name) _____, You are God's holy creation. God loves you and calls you by name as his child. You are precious and honored in God's sight.