

12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Names of Jesus

DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Welcome to your 12 Days of Christmas Names of Jesus Devotional Journal. I am so excited to share this journey with you. Together, we can grow closer to Christ this holiday season through scripture study, reflection, and daily extension activities that lead us to service and deeper discipleship.

Years ago, I dated a young man whose parents had homemade ornaments with the names of Jesus on them. They were made out of clay and alphabet soup letters. I remember helping them set up their tree and thinking what a great idea those ornaments were— to remind them throughout the season of the true reason we celebrate.

Fast forward a few years, and I had all but forgotten them until a friend at church mentioned she had similar ornaments. Immediately, I was struck by the idea of the names of Jesus. I knew I wanted to focus on them myself this season and thought that if I could help others find the true meaning of Christmas, that would be even better.

I am so excited to begin this journey of discovering the names of Jesus with you. These 12 names are only some of the names that He has, but they are my favorites. I hope that as you study these names of Jesus, you will gain a greater testimony of and a stronger connection to Him. I have included a few blank pages at the end of the journal for you to add any additional thoughts you might have as well as studies you may do on your own on the other names of Jesus.

Thanks again for taking this journey with me. God bless and Merry Christmas!

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PS—If you start this journal on the 13th of December, you will end on Christmas Eve. If you start on the 14th of December, you will end on Christmas.

1. PRINCE OF PEACE

*For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. **Isaiah 9:6***

HOW CAN JESUS HELP YOU DISCOVER PEACE?

HOW CAN YOU SHARE PEACE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Reach out to three people today who could use some peace.

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- 2.
- 3.

2. KING OF KINGS

Jesus Christ was born in a stable, and yet he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords.

Revelations 19:16

He was not what the Jews were expecting in a King.

WHY DO YOU THINK JESUS WAS NOT WHAT THE JEWS WERE EXPECTING?

HOW WAS JESUS DIFFERENT FROM EARTHLY KINGS?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Sometimes we judge people who have less than we do, but Jesus Christ descended below all things—including poverty and homelessness. Today, gather some things to donate to a local homeless shelter and set aside a day to make your donation.

3. EMMANUEL

*Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. **Matthew 1:23***
*And he shall pass through Judah he shall overflow and go over, he shall reach even to the neck and the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel. **Isaiah 8:8***

WHEN WAS A TIME YOU FELT JESUS IN YOUR LIFE?

HOW CAN WE FEEL HIS PRESENCE EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Create a sacred space and time to feel the presence of Jesus this Christmas season. Dedicate a time each day to be with the spirit in a sacred place. It can be a corner of your home, a place in your office, or even your car. Any place can be sacred if you sanctify it.

4. REDEEMER

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer. -Psalms 19:14

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO YOU THAT JESUS REDEEMS YOU?

HOW DOES HE REDEEM YOU DAILY?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Pay attention to the words you use today. Are they uplifting and loving or are they bitter and angry? You may also want to go online and look at your social media presence. Are your words acceptable in the sight of the Lord? If not, how can you change them?

5. SON OF MARY

*Many hearing him were astonished, saying... is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. **Mark 6:2-3***

WHY DO YOU THINK THE PEOPLE WHO KNEW JESUS AND HIS FAMILY HAD A HARD TIME BELIEVING IN JESUS?

WHY IS SON OF MARY A MEANINGFUL AND SPECIAL NAME FOR JESUS?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Think of a woman who has positively influenced your life and thank her. You may wish to call her, visit her, write her a letter, or reach out to her online.

6. SON OF MAN / SON OF GOD

*For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels and then he shall reward every man according to his works. **Matthew 16:27** While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear ye him. **Matthew 17:5***

WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR JESUS TO BE THE SON OF MAN AND OF GOD?

WHY DOES JESUS NEED SO MANY NAMES?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Contemplate the names of Jesus. Which is your favorite and why? Make an ornament with this name on it and hang it on your Christmas tree. It does not have to be fancy. It can be as simple as a piece of paper with the name written on it hung by string.

7. LAMB OF GOD

The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world. John 1:29

HOW DOES JESUS TAKE AWAY YOUR SINS AS THE LAMB OF GOD?

HOW CAN YOU SHOW YOUR GRATITUDE TO HIM?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

The sacrifice of Jesus as the Lamb of God is the greatest gift we ever received. Pass it on today by doing something kind for a stranger. Remember, when you do it unto the least of humanity, you have done it unto Christ.

8. SAVIOR

*For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:11** Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins. **Acts 5:31***

THE MINISTRY OF JESUS IS ALL ABOUT FORGIVENESS. HOW CAN YOU BE MORE FORGIVING?

WHEN DID YOU FORGIVE SOMEONE EVEN THOUGH IT WAS HARD?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Is there anyone you need to forgive? Make a list of the people you need to forgive and hang it where you pray. Pray for them by name each day until you feel forgiveness settling into your heart.

9. LORD

Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ. Acts 2:36

HOW DO PEOPLE CRUCIFY JESUS TODAY? HOW DO YOU CRUCIFY HIM?

HOW CAN YOU IMPROVE YOUR WALK WITH HIM?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

A lord is served by his servants. The best way to serve Jesus is to serve the people around you. Serve your Lord today by doing a good deed. It can be for someone you know or a stranger. It does not have to be something big—just so long as you are serving.

10. LIGHT

That was the true light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world. He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. John 1:9-10

HOW DOES JESUS LIGHT YOUR LIFE?

HOW CAN YOU SHARE HIS LIGHT WITH OTHERS?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Call someone who is going through a dark time or share an uplifting message with them some other way. You can be a light to those in darkness if you are willing to reach out.

11. BREAD OF LIFE

And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. John 6:35

WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT JESUS IS THE BREAD OF LIFE?

HOW DOES JESUS FILL YOUR HUNGER AND THIRST?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Choose a day to fast— whatever that means to you. Rather than just giving something up, fill the gaps left by food, drinks, or other things with thoughts of Christ and service to others.

12. THE GOOD SHEPHERD

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. John 10:14

JESUS LOVES EVERYONE ELSE JUST AS MUCH AS HE LOVES YOU. HOW SHOULD THAT KNOWLEDGE INFLUENCE THE WAY YOU TREAT OTHERS?

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT JESUS KNOWS YOU?

EXTENSION ACTIVITY:

Serve someone or a group of people you would usually dislike, dismiss, or be intimidated by. Try to view them through the eyes of Jesus. Try to be a good shepherd.













