

Bible Story: Matthew 3:13-17

Wonder: Do you like your name? Would you have picked your name for you if you got to name yourself? I always think I would've named myself something longer—because all the nicknames for Amy are basically longer than the name Amy itself—and I love nicknames. How would you feel if for one day you got to have an entirely different name? What if you wrote a different name on a nametag in a room with people who don't know you—you could be anyone—Florence, Charles, Bob! Okay, maybe those aren't the names you'd choose—but it would be fun to try on a new name right?

In this morning's Bible Story, Jesus is named before everyone as God's Son, God's beloved child with whom God is well pleased. That's pretty cool. Anyone who didn't know who Jesus was knew exactly who Jesus was now!

A very cool thing happens to us in Baptism too—we get a new name. Not a new first name, but I always think of it as a new last name—Child of God—a reminder that we are part of God's family. And sometimes to remember that, we put give you a label—not a name tag, but an oil cross to remind you that with your new name comes all of God's love, forgiveness, and family. Which is pretty cool.

Do: While this name, Child of God, sometimes feels hidden—it's always part of who we are. It's a gift once we've received it that always stays. Names are funny in how they stick with us like that! Using the code below, color in the color by number to see what message might be hidden there to remind you of this!

1-Red

2-Blue

3-Green

4-Yellow

5-Pink

6-Purple

7-Orange

8-Turquoise

9-Gold

*If you don't have one of these colors just switch it out

My Name is _____

I am the child of (parents' names) _____

