



Names Of Jesus Used On Our Tree Each Year

The following is a look at the names of Jesus our family meditates on each year, along with a brief explanation of how we approach it. Our children are older and our conversations are long now, so I am only giving a little bit of all we talk about. If your children are young, simply take the time to make the ornaments and read the verses. That alone can turn their hearts and eyes upon Jesus. As they grow, you will find your conversations expanding as well! 😊

I pray you have a very Merry Christmas, celebrating our wonderful Savior's birth!

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1. **Jesus**—Matthew 1:20-21

- When we discuss this name, we talk about how precious that name is and how early they learned that “Jesus Loves Me.” In our family, that song has extra precious meaning, because the Lord used it in David’s life greatly. First through his father’s battle with cancer and then as a young adult to get his attention and bring him into a saving knowledge of Christ Himself, the name Jesus is deeply embedded in each of our personal testimony.

2. **Savior**- Luke 2:11

- You will find that we often tie a song into our celebration of these names, which adds a deep, worshipful element to our devotional time together. When we meditate on the name Savior, we sing “Hallelujah, What A Savior” and allow that hymn’s text to direct our conversation. We discuss why man needed a Savior and how amazing it is that God sent His only begotten Son to be that Savior for mankind.

3. **Christ the Lord**—Luke 2:11

- Not only did the angels declare Christ to be our Savior, they also declared He was our Lord. This is a great time to discuss making Him Lord of our life each day. We often sing “He is Lord” as we meditate on the fact that there is coming a day when every knee shall indeed bow and every tongue confess that this One born in a manger long ago is Lord of Lords and Ruler of All.

4. **Emmanuel**—Matthew 1:23

- God with Us... what a wonderful mystery! This is a great opportunity to marvel at the fact that God left the splendors of Heaven to dwell among man for the express purpose of making a way for man to be with God through salvation. Now that our children are older, we discuss how no other religion presents an almighty deity condescending to be approachable to and to walk among mankind. “Oh Come, Oh come, Emmanuel” is often the prayer we sing this night.

5. **Wonderful Counselor**—Isaiah 9:6

- Jesus is so involved in our lives that He came to be our Wonderful Counselor. We can stand in awe of his wisdom and trust His counsel in every area of our lives. “If any of you lack wisdom, let Him ask of God...” (James 1:5) This very personal name of God leads us to sing, “Oh, come let us adore Him...”

6. **Mighty God**—Isaiah 9:6

- That little baby lying in a manger was God in the flesh, and Isaiah wanted to make sure we made that connection with his prophecy. Jesus is now merely a good man or even a great prophet—He is MIGHTY GOD in the flesh. Wow! A great song to pair here is “Almighty, Unchangeable God” or “A Mighty Fortress is our God.”

7. **Everlasting Father**—Isaiah 9:6

- Father. That word means so much. If you have a great father, you can relate to that role of Christ in a very special way—He is intimately involved in your life- listening, loving, advising, guiding. If you don't have a good father figure, Christ's role as Everlasting Father may be even more precious. He will fill that role of “Father to the fatherless,” and He promises “never to leave you nor forsake you.” Having an Everlasting Father is truly an amazing gift!

8. **Prince of Peace**—Isaiah 9:6-7

- This world is yearning for peace—my children recognize that. Mankind seeks peace in all sorts of ways, but ultimately true peace comes only through Jesus Christ and a personal relationship with Him. He gives the “peace that passes all understanding” when all seems to be crumbling around us. “Silent Night” is a great song to sing on this night.

Last year, we added in His Royal Names for the first time. These definitely take the discussions of Who Christ is even deeper.

9. **The Almighty**—Revelation 4:8

- Not only is He Mighty God over all mankind, He is the Almighty, Unchangeable God Who created and rules the Universe! Amazingly, that same Almighty God is the one in Whom we can find refuge—Psalm 91:1 (He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.) We sing Praise to the Lord, the Almighty as we meditate on this royal name.

10. **Son of David**—Matthew 1:1

- Jesus fulfilled the prophecy by being in the line of David the king. He was truly in the line of royalty on earth and that was acknowledged by the Jews as He entered Jerusalem that final time and the crowds shouted “hosanna to the Son of David.” (Matthew 21:15) “Once in Royal David’s City” is a good Christmas hymn to incorporate here.

11. **King of Kings**—I Timothy 6:15

- Christ the King of Kings rules perfectly. He always desires the best for His people as we are told in Romans 8:28, and He loves His people completely for “God is love” as we are reminded in I John 4:8. His reign is eternal, further setting Him apart from any other ruler who has ever sat on a throne. Listening to parts of Handel’s Messiah is a wonderful way to turn your hearts to worship the “King of Kings and Lord of Lords.”

12. **Lord of Lords**—I Timothy 6:15

- Jesus is both King over all and Lord over all. These last 2 names truly are inseparable and can be taken together in the same conversation.