# **Disposition:** Creating Inclusion, Identity and Belonging?

## **Lesson:** Three

### **Question/LO:** What different names are given to Jesus in the Gospels? What do Christians think about Jesus as a result?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning from experience | Do any of the pupils know what their names mean?  Do some research and know a few yourself.    Are the pupils names a prediction of their lives, an expression of their parent’s hopes, or just a nice name? In three groups read the passages. Luke 1: 26-38; Luke 2: 8-21; Matthew 1:18-25. Which names or titles of Jesus are mentioned? Look them up in the dictionary pages of the International Children’s Bible.  Key names mentioned are:  Jesus - Saviour or God saves;  Christ - (Greek word for Messiah) both mean ‘anointed one’ or ‘chosen king’;  Immanuel - God with us. | Bible references:  Luke 1: 26-38  Luke 2: 8-21  Matthew 1: 18-25  Matthew 2: 9-12  (International Children’s Bible)    Reference books with Names and meanings. |
| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews | Read Mathew 2:9-12. The gifts of the Magi had significance: Gold for a king; Frankincense for a priest (one who speaks to God on behalf of people) and Myrrh, a lotion for dead bodies.  Ask the children how the names found in the first three passages relate to the wise men’s gifts and to Jesus’ life subsequently.  Interview some Christians (local clergy of church members, or staff/parents) about the names of Jesus. Pupils discovered through their research which names do the Christians find most meaningful to their faith and life?  Do the favoured names of Jesus change at different times of the year?  e.g. Do the Christians think about Jesus in one way at Christmas and another way at Easter?Do the Christians interviewed identify any other names/descriptions of Jesus?  Pupils could make and decorate 2D baubles for a ‘Christian’ Christmas tree. Each one would have a name of Jesus on it.  See (link http://easyfunschool.freeunitstudies.com/article1679.html for examples or pupils can explore the Jesse Tree (an Advent tradition).  Jesse Trees are a very old Christmas tradition that started in the Middle Ages, but which some Christians keep alive today. They are tress, which have different elements added each day during Advent (the preparation time before Christmas).  The different pictures are used to help tell the story of the Bible from creation to the Birth of Jesus. The name comes from Jesse who was the father of the famous Jewish king David.  In the book of Isaiah in the Old Testament, it is written that the Messiah would come from the ‘root of Jesse’. Christians have used the Jesse Tree to show Jesus belongs to the bigger story of the Bible. Find out more from the [link](https://whychristmas.com/customs/jessetrees.shtml). | <http://easyfunschool.freeunitstudies.com/article1679.html>  <https://whychristmas.com/customs/jessetrees.shtml> |