

Names

God is a special name.

*For in him you have been enriched in every way.
1 Corinthians 1:5*

Names Are Special

“Maa-foo.” called Sarah. “Where are you?”

“Why does she always call me ‘Maa-foo’?” asked Matthew with a grimace. “She knows my name is ‘Matthew.’ So why doesn’t she call me that?”

“Well,” answered Mommy, “when she was little she couldn’t say ‘Matthew,’ and now I think it’s her own special name for you.”

“But it doesn’t sound like it’s supposed to,” complained Matthew.

“I know,” said Mommy, “but isn’t it nicer to be called ‘Maa-foo’ than ‘Matthew’ when you know it’s because she loves you so much? Don you like it that your name is so special to Sarah?”

Matthew hadn’t thought about it that way before. He decided that he liked “Maa-foo” after all.

A name is more than just something you are called. A name has meaning. It’s a special word given to you with meaning and love. God’s name is special, too. It’s more than just a word, isn’t it? His name means love, forgiveness and so many other wonderful things. “God” is a special name!

Your Turn

1. What are some things that you call by your own special names?
2. What do you think of when you hear the name “God”?

Prayer

Thank You, God, for Your special name and my special name. Amen.