Day 24 Jesus

*Mary will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21*

Some parents choose a name for their new baby because of its meaning. Do you know why your parents chose your name?

God chose the name for this baby. Jesus. The name Jesus has a special meaning. It means ‘The Lord saves.’

Even before Jesus was born, God had a special plan for him. Jesus would be the Savior. He would save people from their sins so God could welcome them into his family and be their friend.

‘Jesus’ was the name Jesus’ family and friends called him. The name ‘Jesus’ reminds us that he is the Savior. It also reminds us that Jesus lived a life like us. He was a baby, and he grew up in a family. When he was older, he taught people about God. He met and had conversations with all sorts of people. He faced the kinds of problems and difficulties we face because life can be tough sometimes.

Jesus was super amazing. He was also human. In fact, he was completely God and completely human at the same time. He is the only person who has ever been that. It means that he totally understands the sorts of things that might trouble or upset us. He understands when we struggle to please God. He understands when things don’t turn out as we’d hoped. And because he does, we can pray and ask him to help us. Jesus promises to be with us through all these times. In fact, he promises to be with us forever.

On Christmas Day we celebrate Jesus coming as a baby. This Jesus is all the names in this Advent calendar. Do you have a favorite name of Jesus?

There is no one in the world worth knowing, trusting, and following more than Jesus.