

## THE INEFFABLE NAME OF GOD

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Did you guys know that for most of history, people believed in many gods? Gods of the earth, water, wind. Gods that were crocodiles, and rocks, and pieces of stone.

PNate joke, "You know what you pray to a crocodile? It's easy: Please don't eat me!"

But when God revealed himself, he showed us that there is only One God!

In fact, this knowledge of God is one of the most important truths ever given to us.

**Deuteronomy 6**

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**6** "The Lord your God told me to give you all these commandments which you are to obey in the land you will soon be entering, where you will live. **2** The purpose of these laws is to cause you, your sons, and your grandsons to reverence the Lord your God by obeying all of his instructions as long as you live; if you do, you will have long, prosperous years ahead of you.

**4** "O Israel, listen: Jehovah is our God, Jehovah alone. **5** You must love him with all your heart, soul, and might. **6** And you must think constantly about these commandments I am giving you today. **7** You must teach them to your children and talk about them when you are at home or out for a walk; at bedtime and the first thing in the morning. **8** Tie them on your finger, wear them on your forehead, **9** and write them on the doorposts of your house!

### CAN YOU GUYS TELL HOW IMPORTANT THIS COMMANDMENT IS?

Well, since we have been talking about how God keeps his covenants, AND we have been talking about the flag of Israel, I want you to see that the symbol (remember what a symbol is?) on the flag of Israel means something to Jew themselves. It is called the Shield of David, and it represents God. But the Jews didn't really have a name for God. They had titles for God, but not a name (you know the difference between a Name and a Title?) And they believed that the name of God should not be said out loud. But they had a sign that represented the Unspeakable Name of God. That sign was the Shield of David.



Do you remember last week when we talked about how Jesus was the Son of David? Remember how he was born in the city of David? Remember how people call upon him: Jesus, thou Son of David?

Well, for Christians, the Shield of David speaks of Jesus, our savior!

We have a name of God!

That's why we celebrate Christmas.

**Luke 2:11-14**

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**11** The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born tonight in Bethlehem!<sup>[a]</sup> **12** How will you recognize him? You will find a baby wrapped in a blanket,<sup>[b]</sup> lying in a manger!"

**13** Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God:

**14** "Glory to God in the highest heaven," they sang,<sup>[c]</sup> "and peace on earth for all those pleasing him."

JESUS IS OUR PROMISE. LET'S PRAY TOGETHER AND TELL THE LORD JESUS THAT WE ARE GIVING HIM OUR HEARTS. WE ARE GOING TO SERVE HIM, WORSHIP HIM, AND TELL OTHERS ABOUT HIM.

**Parents: Ask your children if they have repented recently. Lead them in repentance. Talk to them about baptism, how they are adopted by God, given God's name. If they have not received the spiritual gift of tongues, pray with them that they would learn to become worshipers. Because God inhabits our praise. (Please do not use the gift of tongues to scare them! It is a gift of God. It will happen naturally if they learn to be worshipers! I repeat: It is a gift!)**

**Now, pray over them, then ask them to pray for you. Let each child lead family in prayer. If they feel emotional, reassure them, they are feeling the presence of God. They could receive the gift of tongues in your home.**