

Names of God

During the children's time in worship this Sunday we talked about names - where our names come from and what they mean. We also talked about God's names, the names God has shared with us (YHWH, El Shaddai, Elohim, and more) and the only name a person (Hagar) gave God ("El Roi" the One who Sees Me). In addition to names, God has shared with us different images through which we can understand God better (Fortress, Rock, Light, and more).

Different names of and images for God can help us relate to our Creator in new, powerful ways. If you address God with one name or image, try something new! Try use some these names and images for God.



Shepherd (Psalm 23)
Fortress (Psalm 18)
Potter (Jeremiah 18)
Love (1 John 4)
Nourishing One (Gen 17)
Lamb (John 1)

Light (John 1)
Word (John 1)
Shield (Psalm 18)
Lion (Hosea 11)
Mother Hen (Luke 13)
Bread of Life (John 6)

keep praying!

Play-doh prayer: Take play-doh and spell out one of God's names (YHWH - Yahweh - is a fun one) or mold a lion, or heart, or other image God has given us. Give thanks to God for the many different ways God reveals Godself to us. You can do this anywhere or on this play-doh prayer sheet:

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Names%20of%20God>

Doodle Prayer: Draw and doodle different names and images for God. As you write each name and doodle around it, think about how you might know God as Shepherd, Love, Healer, Light, and so forth.

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