



Good morning everyone!



Welcome

Today we hear how Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter, which means "rock".

Names are very important – we all have one and God knows all of us by our name.

Let's think a bit more about names today.

Opening prayer



Dear God of all,
you know us all by our name, and love and care for
us, because we are all your children.

Help us also to love and care for our brothers and
sisters around the world.

Amen.



John 1:35-42

The next day John was standing there again with two of his disciples, when he saw Jesus walking by.

“There is the Lamb of God!” he said.

The two disciples heard him say this and went with Jesus.

Jesus turned, saw them following him, and asked, “What are you looking for?”

They answered, “Where do you live, Rabbi?”
(This word means “Teacher.”)



John 1:35-42

“Come and see,” he answered.

So they went with him and saw where he lived, and spent the rest of that day with him.

One of them was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

At once he found his brother Simon and told him, “We have found the Messiah.” (This word means “Christ.”)

Then he took Simon to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, “Your name is Simon son of John, but you will be called Cephas.”

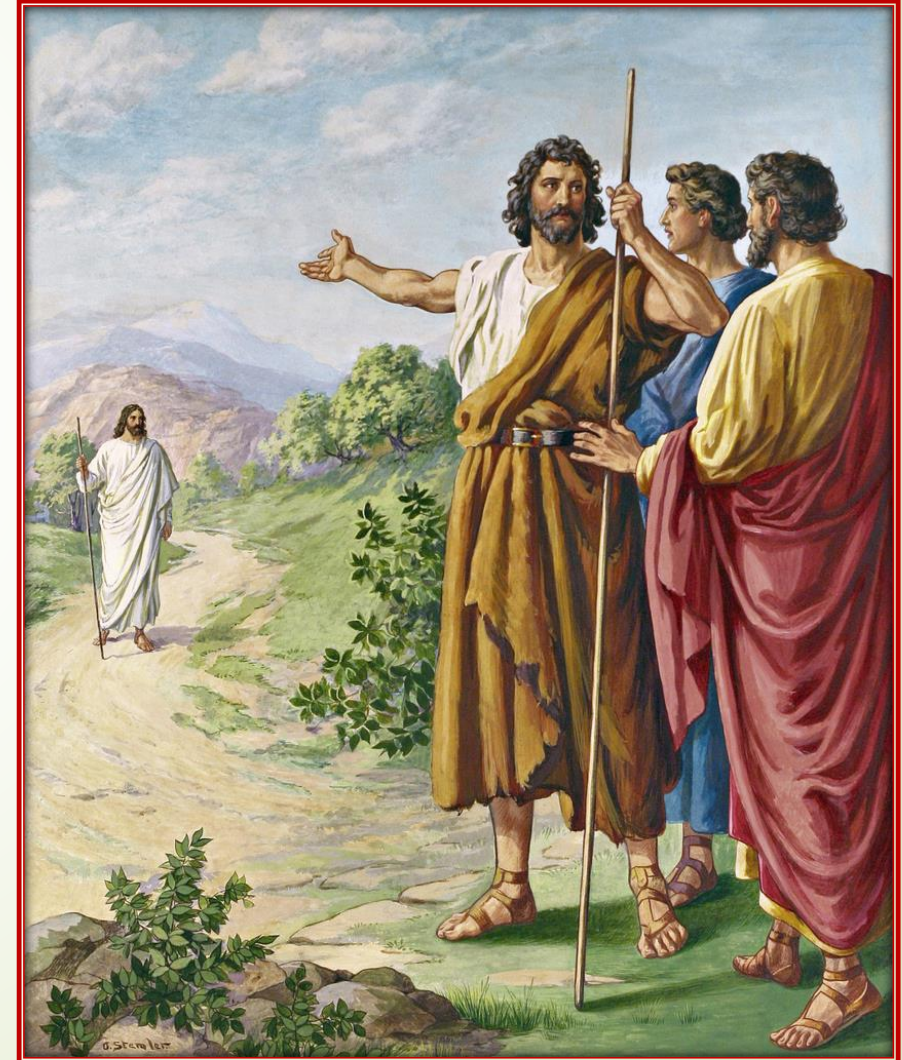
(This is the same as Peter and means “a rock.”)



Why do you think Jesus chose this name for Simon Peter?

Simon Peter was strong and dependable (like a rock) and he was the foundation for the Church.

(Buildings are built on rock foundations so that they do not fall over).



Names are very important.



We all have one, or two, or maybe even three.

And some of us have a nickname that we like to be called by our family or our friends.

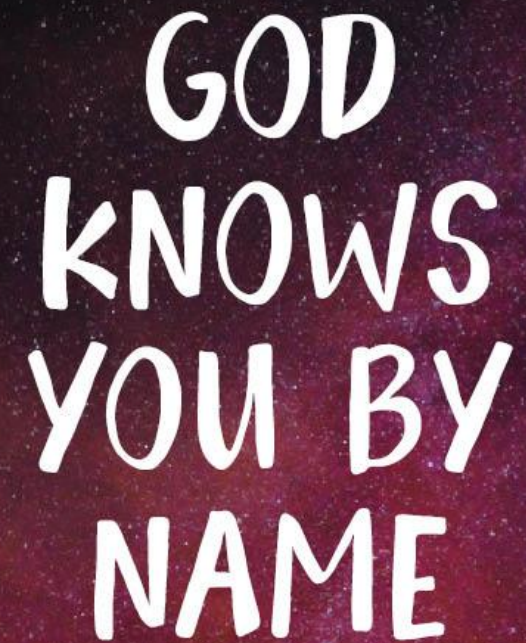
How many names do you have?
What are they?
Do you know what your name means?
What do you like about your name?



God knows us by our name.

We are all part of God's family and so God knows us all by our name and loves and cares for us wherever we are in the world.

God's family spreads out all over the world and includes all kinds of different people.



**GOD
KNOWS
YOU BY
NAME**

How do you think God wants us to treat our brothers and sisters around the world – each of whom God knows by name?

God wants us to treat each other fairly, with love and respect and to care for one another.

So, how will you treat your brothers and sisters here in school and around the world in the coming week?

THANK YOU

I'M SORRY

PLEASE

EXCUSE ME



Prayer



Loving God,

Help us to remember that all people throughout the world are special, because you know us by our names and we are all your children.

Amen.

