## His Name Is Great

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What is your name? Do you know how you got your name? Do you have any nicknames? What are your friends' names... or your siblings' names?

Names are important in life because names help us know one another.

Names are important to God too!

When God created the universe, He gave everything He created a name. When God made Adam, He named him. Then God asked him to name all the animals on the earth.

When God made a covenant with Abram and Sarai, God renamed them Abraham and Sarah, so their names would tell the world they were members of God's family.

Back when the Bible was written, a person's name not only helped people know one another, but names told a story about who people were and what they were like.

The Bible is filled with stories about God's names too! It is through God's names and His actions we can learn how great God is and know who He is to His people.

God's name is great because God is great!

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God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel 'The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is My name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations" (Exodus 3:15).

*Yahweh* is God's personal name. The name *Yahweh* means God is the one and only God; there is no other God but Him!

Right before God was going to rescue His people from slavery in Egypt, He told a man named Moses His personal name: The LORD. In Hebrew this is pronounced as *Yahweh*, meaning "I AM."

God told Moses that He is the one and only God and to remember the promise He made to Abraham long ago. This promise is called a covenant. God's covenant promises are and have always been true. Because God is the one and only God, He has made a way for all His people throughout time to be in relationship with Him.

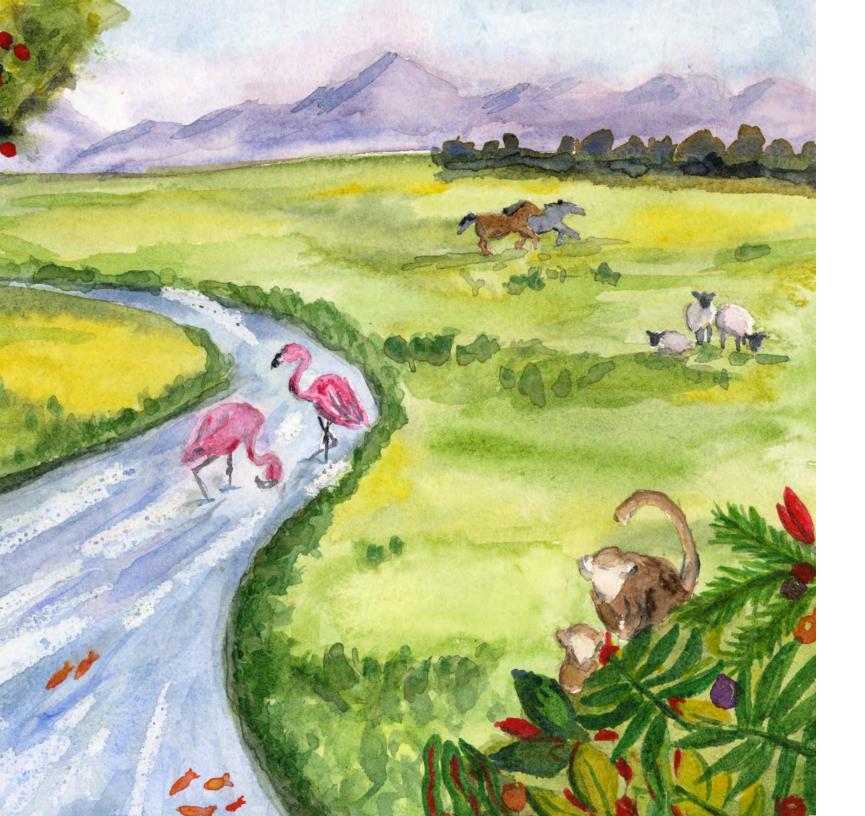
God's covenant promises weren't just for Abraham or Moses. God's covenant promises are promises to all the generations of God's people. The promise He gave Israel when they were in slavery is true for you where you are right now.

God will never stop leading His people because He is *Yahweh*, the one and only, covenant-keeping God.

God's name is great! When God told this name to Moses long ago, God wanted you—where you are right now—to know He is the one and only God who keeps His promises. God made a way to rescue Israel from slavery and He has made a way to rescue you from sin through His Son, Jesus."

Yahweh is God's personal name. He is the great I AM. His name is great!





In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters (Genesis 1:1-2).

After God gave His personal name to Moses and brought His people out of Egypt, God asked Moses to write down His special story. As God told His story through Moses, God revealed more of His names to show His people more of His character.

Elohim is one of God's great names. Elohim means "God is the purposeful Creator."

God placed the sun, moon, planets, and stars in the sky. God filled the ocean with salty droplets and ocean animals. God was very creative when He shaped the petals of every flower, decided elephants needed trunks, and determined horses and monkeys needed different kinds of tails.

Every mountain, every animal, every flower-all were created by God. Our beautiful world exists because God is *Elohim*. He is the Creator of all things.

One of God's magnificent creations is YOU! When God created you, He made you in His image. This means you reflect our great God—where you live, work, and play—you are an image-bearer!

Just as nature shows us God's creativity and greatness, *Elohim* made you to show the world who He is in your own unique way.

*Elohim* is the very good Creator—His creation shows His greatness! Long ago, God wanted you to know Him as the Creator, so He told Moses to write down the story of creation. God wanted you, where you are right now, to know His name.

Elohim is God's name. He is the Creator. His name is great!