

## NAME GAME

Before the party or meeting, look up in a name-your-baby book the first names of all the students who will attend. Write each name's original meaning on a card and distribute among your adult leaders answer keys that match meanings with names. Lay out the name cards on a table and, when the kids arrive, ask them each to choose the card that they believe reflects the meaning of their name.

Those who choose incorrectly must trade with others until they all hold their names' correct meanings. Then, in pairs, students should answer at least these questions for each other:

- How do you feel about the meaning of your name?
- Why were you given the name you have? (For example, were you named after a relative or family friend?)
- Where would you someday like to see your name?

Industrious

Honoring God

Much loved

Mighty Warrior

Who is like God

Spear Carrier

(On a building, in a book, on a screen?)

After five minutes or so of sharing, regroup the students and ask them to introduce each other with the information they discovered. You may want to give them this pattern to follow: "My friend here is Jonathan; his name means gift of Jehovah, which he thinks is cool. He was named for an uncle, and someday he'd like to see his name in a book."