



What's My New Name?

Names in the Bible were very important. Parents often chose names to represent their hopes and dreams for their child. Sometimes God changed a person's name to better describe his calling or the person he had become. Look up the verses you see in the middle column. Then match the verse to the "old name" in the left column and the new name in the right column.

BENONI	Acts 13:9	BARNABAS (son of encouragement)
SIMON	Genesis 32:28	ABRAHAM (father of many nations)
WOMAN	John 1:42	ISRAEL (God contended)
SARAI	Genesis 17:3-6	EVE (life)
JOSEPH	Genesis 17:15-17	PETER (the rock)
ABRAM	Genesis 35:18	PAUL (small)
SAUL	Acts 4:36-37	SARAH (princess)
JACOB	Genesis 3:20	BENJAMIN (son of my right hand)

Discuss: Choose one person from the list and tell why God changed his/her name. If you could choose a new name, what would it be? Why? How did Kaboo's new name of Samuel Morris better represent who he was?