

## Devotion 3    Called by Name

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7

Question for everyone: Do you have any nicknames that you're called? Where did the nickname come from? Do you like being called by your nickname?

Say: Today we are going to read about how God calls us by our names and how He is with us in everything that we do.

Read Isaiah 43:1-2, 5-7 together.

Say: Our reading told us that God has ransomed us. This is kind of hard to understand. When it says that God ransomed us, we can look at the cross. Jesus died on the cross for our ransom meaning that Jesus died so that we aren't controlled by our sin anymore but instead get to live a new life free from sin. This means that even though we still sin, God has washed our sins away and does not remember them anymore because Jesus died and rose again. Our Bible reading says that God called us by name. God promises that through every hard time in life, He will be there with us. He will help us through whatever challenges we face and help us to learn through the hard times. He tells us to not be afraid because He "I will not fail you or abandon you" (Joshua 1:5). God is not going to ever leave you because He loves you and He has called you by name. When God tells us He calls us by name, He wants us to be sure that He knows us and cares for us. He doesn't want us to think that He is far away but instead that He is close to us.

## Discussion Question Time

After you finish the discussion questions, take time to pray together.

Some prayer prompts: -thank God for calling You by name -thank God for being with you through every trial you face -Ask that God would guide you through the hard times of life