

Is it ok for people to name their children Jesus?

There is no prohibition against naming a child Jesus. When the Lord Jesus was born, the name was common.

G. Campbell Morgan wrote:

The angel came to Joseph and announced the name, "You shall call His name Jesus." It was just an ordinary Jewish name, about as common in Judea as John is common to us. The name had not the significance that we understand today. It was a beautiful, Jewish boy's name, a common name of the common people. But here, as everywhere in the great spiritual movement, God took hold of the commonplace to show that there was something infinitely more than the common.¹

Today, the name Jesus can be found in more than six thousand languages with more being added every year.²

The Bible does not forbid naming a child Jesus; but, it does forbid making an image (e.g. artwork, actor portrayal, etc.) of the Lord.

The Second Commandment states:

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments." Ex 20:4–6³

God's law is perpetual and ongoing (Mt 5:18).

¹ Morgan, Campbell G.. *Jesus: An Ordinary Name?* Christianity.com. 13 Sep 10:

<https://www.christianity.com/jesus/is-jesus-god/names-of-jesus/jesus-an-ordinary-name.html>

² DeYoung, Kevin. *The Name of Jesus*. Tabletalk Magazine. 1 Dec 11: <https://www.ligonier.org/learn/articles/the-name-of-jesus/>

³ Roman Catholic remove the Second Commandment. Using instead #1: I am Yahweh your Lord. You shall have no other gods before me. #2: ?. In Exodus it is written: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

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