



Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. Harry finds some dusty plastic dinosaurs in his Nan's attic. He cleans them, finds out their names and takes them everywhere until, one day, the dinosaurs get lost! The lost property man gets a surprise when Harry proves the dinosaurs are his by calling them over to him, using each of their names.

### Biblical Reference:

#### Isaiah 43:1

*'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.'*

### Next month's book is:

'Tiddler, the story telling fish'  
by Julia Donaldson

### Inspiration ...

If you do not have this book, you could borrow it from the library or watch a re-telling of the story on YouTube.

 <https://youtu.be/uWoopkMgLqM>

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## Theme: God knows your name

### Isaiah 49:16

*The bible says "I will not forget you! See, I have written your names on the palms of my hands".*

*What a wonderful thought that God knows each of our names and knows us individually.*

### Theme exploration:

How long did you ponder the name of your child/ren?

Names are important; they are more than just ways to identify us as a person. Some names are linked to a relative or close friend and some people believe a child's name could be linked to their future success.

Names can have deeper meanings and the Bible tells how God has changed people's names. For example, Abram meaning "exalted father" became Abraham meaning "Father of many nations". God changed his name as a sign of the promise God made with him.

### What could you do as a family this month?

- Use the internet to discover what each of your names mean?
- Notice the names you use for each other. What nicknames do you use?
- Make a bedroom door hanger with your child/ren's name(s) on it?
- Enjoy using your little one's names as you talk to them - watch as they respond and maybe begin to learn their own name.



### We believe in the power of prayer

#### A prayer for you to pray for your child:

*Father God, thank You for x and thank You for the joy they bring. Help them to grow in love for You and others.  
Amen.*

#### A prayer we pray for you as parents:

*Loving God, we thank You that You have the names of all parents on Your hand, that You knew them before they were born and that you love them so much.  
We pray that they can reflect that deep love as they love and care for their children. Amen.*