

What's in a Name?

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Concept: This skit looks at the names of Christ and what they mean, focusing on the power of Jesus as God.
Cast: Loretta, Hugo, Prudence
Scripture: Isaiah 9:6
Props: Laurel wreath for Loretta's head

(Enter Loretta and Hugo, Loretta is wearing a laurel wreath on her head)

Hugo: Hey, Loretta, you've got a weed growing out of your head.

Loretta: It's not a weed, it's a laurel wreath. The champions and heroes of long ago used to wear them. It showed everyone that they were something special.

Hugo: That doesn't explain why you would wear one on your head. Did you win a tiddly-winks contest or something?

Loretta: *(becoming irritated)* It's because my name means "crown of laurel." I was given that name because I am like a special crown. I am extremely valuable, even priceless. I wear this to remind me of the significance of my name.

Hugo: Oh, I see. Wearing weeds and twigs around your head is helping you get in touch with your "roots!"
(laughs hysterically)

Loretta: Oh leave me alone.

(enter Prudence)

Prudence: Sounds like you're having lots of fun, Hugo. What are you laughing at?

Loretta: Me! I was trying to explain the meaning of my name to him and he starts making fun of me.

Hugo: I'm sorry, Loretta. I'm impressed that you went to all the trouble of finding out what your name means. It's good to see you "branching out." *(laughs)*

Prudence: You know, Hugo, every name means something.

Hugo: Really?

Prudence: Yep. My name, Prudence, means "careful in thought and action." That means I'm careful to think before I act or speak. I was looking up names while I was studying the names of Jesus. Did you know that Jesus means "Savior" or "Deliverer?" Jesus came to save people from their sins.

Loretta: That's right. I heard Jesus had more names as well.

Prudence: He does. In Isaiah 9:6, Jesus is called Mighty God. Examples of this are found in the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John).

Hugo: Yeah, like when Jesus was out on the Sea of Galilee in a boat with his disciples and a storm came up. Jesus said, "Be still" and the storm was gone.

Loretta: Right! And Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead after he was dead for four days.

Prudence: Jesus was also named Emmanuel which means "God with us."

Hugo: By the way, Prudence, do you happen to know what my name means?

Prudence: As a matter of fact, I do. Hugo means "intelligent."

Both: INTELLIGENT?!

Hugo: You mean, my name says I'm a brain, a mental wizard, a genius?

Loretta: I'm gonna be sick!

Hugo: Sick: to be ill with weakness or disease. Synonyms: unwell, ailing, infirm, leprous, unsound, decrepit...

Loretta: *(cutting Hugo off)* I should have known better than to start this.

Hugo: Hey, do you want to know the square root of 44? It's 6.6332495.

Prudence: We've gotta go.

(Prudence and Loretta turn to go)

Hugo: *(following after them)* Hey, wait, I wanted to recite the first 26 pages of Webster's Dictionary for you! *(exits)*