

The Life of Abraham

What's in a Name?

Genesis 14–21

Names were very important in Bible times. People often named their children for a particular reason, or renamed a place because of a particular event. God also gave people names because of a special purpose he had for them. There are many such names in the story of Abraham and Isaac. Match up the names below with their special meaning. Look up the Bible verse in the book of Genesis to help you find the right match!



Match the Name with the Meaning . . .

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| 1. Shaveh (14:17) | A. “Small” |
| 2. Moab (19:37) | B. “Well of the Living One Who Sees Me” |
| 3. Beersheba (21:31) | C. “Laughter” |
| 4. Ishmael (16:11) | D. “Father of Many” |
| 5. Abraham (17:5) | E. “From Father” |
| 6. Beer Lahai Roi (16:14) | F. “Well of the Oath” or “Well of Seven” |
| 7. Isaac (17:19) | G. “God Hears” |
| 8. Zoar (19:22) | H. “King’s Valley” |



[Answer Key: 1-H; 2-E; 3-F; 4-G; 5-D; 6-B; 7-C; 8-A]