

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Compiled by
Robert McConnell



MORE THAN JUST A NUMBER

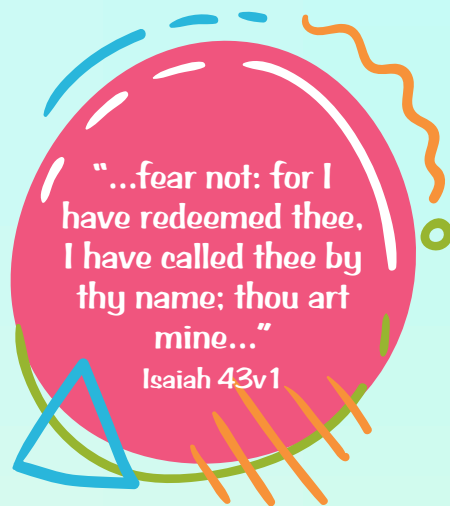
In 1896, Mr John Brown of Belfast brought the first car ever to be seen into the country. Within a few years, cars were common place. The law demanded that for safety reasons a man had to walk ahead of each car waving a red flag. The top speed back then was 4mph. Over time, cars got faster, and there were more of them. As a result, the number of accidents also increased, especially hit and run incidents. A new law in 1903 stated that all vehicles were to have number plates so that the authorities could more easily trace the owners.

For 70 years, plates with a black background and silver lettering and numbers were used. Then, in 1973, across the UK, all number plates were changed to the more familiar yellow and white ones that we see today. In recent times, personalized number plates have

become very popular. People are willing to pay a lot of money in order to stand out from the crowd, rather than just be another number.

Ever increasingly, we are living in a world that is all about numbers and not just car registration numbers. All sorts of numbers are used to identify people. In school there are the P1s, the P2s and so on. Then, as you grow older, you will have a driving licence number, passport number, social security number, and a bank account number. Very often people feel that they are just a number.

However, whenever you come to the Bible, you will discover that you are more than just a number. To God, names are all important. Many chapters are dedicated to names and family connections. Whenever God calls someone, He does so



"...fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine..."
Isaiah 43v1

by name and not by a number. Think of little Samuel in his bed, Zacchaeus up the tree and Paul on the road to Damascus: God called them all by name.

In the eyes of God, we are all much more than just a number. He knows each one by name. He knows all about us. He knows us better than we know ourselves. He knows our hearts and He calls us unto repentance. Heaven has a roll book called the "Lamb's Book of Life". Recorded there are the names, and not the numbers, of all those who are saved. I wonder if your name is found in that all-important book today.



FIND OUT THE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE IN THE PASSAGES LISTED BELOW.

- ACTS 16V4 - This business woman lived in Thyatira
- Mark 1v30 - This man's mother-in-law was sick
- 1st Samuel 17v4 - A giant who wanted to kill David
- 2nd Samuel 21v16) - Another giant who wanted to kill David

WHICH ONE LETTER IN THE ALPHABET IS FOUND IN ALL FOUR NAMES?

Answer:

Name:

Address:

Church:

PRIZES!

Are you 12 or under?
Send your answer, name, address and church to:

Rev Garth Wilson

Email: answer@fpvission.org
39 Millreagh Ave., Dundonald,
Belfast, BT16 1TZ

£5 WINNERS LAST TIME:

- » Lewis Maternaghan (Ballymena FPC)
- » Reuben Ormerod (Cloughmills FPC)
- » Lydia Wilson (Clogher Valley FPC)
- » Julia Moore (Magherafelt FPC)
- » Rachel Harbinson (Aghalee FPC)
- » Scott Hamilton (Ballynahinch FPC)
- » Jack Porter (Bethany FPC)
- » Aaron Oliver (Tullyvallen FPC)



EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T WIN THIS TIME, PLEASE KEEP TRYING - MAYBE NEXT TIME!