

Scene one:(School hall setting with young teen girls at their lockers)

Deborah(standing at her locker): Good Morning Candy.

Candy(Walks up to her locker): O, Hi Deborah.

Mary: Candy Kane, Candy Kane, your moma gave you a silly name.

Elizabeth: Candy Kane, your name is just a crooked stick of red and white candy.

Deborah: (takes Candy's arm) Come on Candy, you don't have to listen to anymore of this nonsense.

(Turns to the girls) you guys are really cruel. Really, don't you have anything better to do than bully a sweet girl like Candy?

(girls walk away and sit down together at the steps of the stage)

Deborah: I'm so sorry those girls are such bulllys. It will be ok, Candy.

Candy: (crying) I hate my name! I wish I could have a name that means something besides an old stick of candy.

Ruth: Hey guys, Candy wants a name that means something! Here's a meaning for you. What's white and red and blue at Christmas time? A sad candy cane!

I guess I can see why you are so sad, Candy Kane. You could have had a great name like mine. My name is Ruth. You do know that Ruth was in the special bloodline of the Jesus, the Christmas babe.

Anna: Yes, Candy Kane, you could have a name like mine. Anna. I was named after a very important prophetess in the Bible who saw Jesus and knew that He was the Christ Child who came to bring deliverance to her people.

Elizabeth: My name has a great meaning, too. I was named after Elizabeth - Mary's cousin. Mary came to visit her while she was expecting Baby Jesus.

Mary: And speaking of MARY, (mwa!) I was named after the virgin Mary, Jesus mother.

Poor Candy Kane, I know you wish you had a name like mine.

Candy: (crying harder) I am so tired of everyone making fun of my name. The worst part is I can't argue with any of you because my name is Silly! It has no meaning at all. Who in the world names their daughter after a silly candy cane? There is nothing at all in my name. I hate my name, I hate it! I want a name that has a real meaning. (as Candy is leaving stage the girls walk away laughing as curtains close)

Scene 2 (living room/bedroom scene with Mom and Dad seated reading by fireplace)

Candy(walks into the room crying) I want to have my name changed. Why did you give me a silly name like Candy Kane? I hate my name. I hate it! (leaves room and goes to her bedroom.)

Mr. Kane: (Mom and Dad put down reading papers and look at each other) Well Ms. KANE. Why DID you name our sweet daughter Candy?

Mom: Because. Because I think Candy is a lovely name.

Mr. Kane: Well, I think you need to talk with her. She's pretty upset. Those school kids must have been making fun of her name again.

Mrs. Kane: You're right, dear. (goes into the bedside of Candy and sits on bed)
Are you ok?

Candy: No, I'm not ok! I hate my name. Please Moma, please can't we change my name to a pretty name, a name with a meaning?

Ms. Kane: Candy, you have a very lovely name. Don't let those girls make you so sad. It will be ok.
(they hug as curtains close)

Scene 3: (school auditorium scene)

(as curtains open, Candy is walking up steps from children's church side of stage. Candy runs to catch up at top of step)

Deborah: Good Morning Candy. (Candy stops and turns to look at Deborah)

I have some good news for you! I talked with Mr. Prosser, the principal of the school and he has agreed to my church, Morning Star Baptist Church, to put on a Christmas program today.

Candy: I'm happy for you Deborah. I know how much you love your church.

Deborah: Candy, You are going to be so blessed. I don't want to spoil the program by telling you about it, but I can't wait for you to see it. Hurry, I want to be sure to get a seat near the front! They are about to start!

(they sit in chairs facing the program on stage)

(School Scene acts out the Witness of the Candy Cane)

Narrator: A long time ago, a candy maker in a small town made the Christmas candy cane to be a witness of the real Christmas story.

"Let's examine the candy cane and see how the Candy Maker made the candy to be a witness for Christ.

Actor 1 walks across with a Poster
(The Witness of the Candy Kane)

Narrator: The Candy Maker made the candy hard so it would remind us that Jesus is the solid rock and that all God's promises are solid.

Actor 2:((walks on with a large rock, says verse then walks to the back and stands.)

Matthew 16:18 God says..." ... and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Narrator: Next, the Candy Maker chose pure white candy for the virgin birth and to remind us that Jesus is sinless. He shaped the hard white candy into the shape of a J to remind us of Jesus, The Son of God, who came to Earth as a baby and became our Savior.

Actor #3: (Walks on stage with a Big letter J, says verse then steps beside actor 2)

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved. Acts 4:12

Narrator: When you turn the letter J upside down, you have a shepherd's staff.

"The candy maker chose the shape of the candy to represent a shepherd's staff which the Good Shepherd uses to reach down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, "like sheep have gone astray"

Actor 4 (walks on Stage dressed as a shepherd with a large white staff like the J, says the verse then steps back beside Actor 1 and 2.)

in John 10:11 Jesus said, I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Narrator: "The Candy maker chose the red stripe to represent the blood Jesus shed for our sins on the cross."

Actor #5: (comes out on stage with a red sash [stripe] and puts it on the white cane and says...)

1 John 1:7b ... and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

The Candy maker made a candy cane to be a witness of Jesus Christ. So the next time you see a candy cane, remember...

Actor #1: Steps forward and holds the poster: The witness of the Candy Cane

Actor #3: Steps forward of stage with the "J" and says, "Jesus Christ"

Actor #4: Steps forward, next to #3 and says, "The Good Shepherd"

Actor #2: Steps next to #3 and says, "Is the Sinless Rock of Ages"

Actor #4: Steps next to #2 and says, "Who suffered and died for our sins."

(All actors take a bow and school audience claps)

(group of girls gather round Candy)

Anna: Wow Candy Kane, I never realized your name was so important! Your name is just as beautiful as mine!

Mary: I know, right? Candy Kane! Your name actually points people to the Christ.

Ruth: Yeah, Candy Kane, your name reminds people of the gospel of Jesus Christ!

Candy Kane: Thanks, girls. You really think so?

Ruth: Yes! Didn't you hear? The candy maker made the candy cane specially to point others to the gospel of Jesus!

Deborah: What did you think Candy? Wasn't that a blessing?!

Candy Kane: Yes, Deborah, that was a blessing. I can see why you love your church so much!

Deborah: Candy, I wanted to ask if maybe you and your family could come to our church for our Christmas program this Sunday. We have been working on another Christmas program that I think would be a real blessing to you and your family. And, here is a little booklet that I would like to give you that uses the story of the candy cane to tell the gospel of Jesus.

Candy Kane: Thank you, Deborah, and I'll talk to my parents about coming to the program. Thank you for being a great friend!

(walks off reading the tract as curtains close. She sits outside curtains on top steps reading tract)

Wow! I see what's in a Name. The name of Jesus, God's Son. Jesus died on the cross for **My** sins and **I** can call on His Name.

(pause and bow head) Jesus would you come into my heart and save me right now. I'm calling on the Name that is above every name. in Jesus Name I pray. Amen.

I'm saved! I can't wait to go home and tell my parents. I'm Saved.

My Name, Candy Kane is written in the Lamb's Book of Life!

Scene 4 at the Church (Curtains closed. Mr. and Ms. Kane and Candy walk up steps from kitchen side and stop in front of closed curtains and have a conversation)

Mr. Kane: I haven't been to church on Christmas since I was a little boy. I'm kind of excited.

Mrs. Kane: I know, me too.

Man: (man from church walks steps from behind curtains and greets the family)
Welcome to Morning Star Baptist Church. I don't think I've seen you folks here before?

Mr. Kane: No, Sir, we've never been here before. One of our daughter friends from school invited us to come for the Christmas program. I think her name is Deborah.

Man from Church: O Yes Sir. Deborah is a fine young Christian lady. She will be participating in the Christmas program tonight.

Candy: Do you think we could speak to Deborah before the program begins?

Man: We can sure see about that. (sticks his head behind curtain and yells) Deborah, could you take just a moment to greet your friends who came to see the program tonight?

Deborah(comes from behind the curtains) Candy! (runs over and hugs her) I am so excited you all came.

Candy: We're excited to be here! Deborah, I want you to meet my parents.

Deborah: (shakes hands). I'm so glad you came, Mr. and Mrs. Kane. Candy and I are best friends at school.

Candy: Deborah, the greatest thing happened. I read that little booklet that you gave me about the story of the candy cane that teaches the gospel of Jesus. I asked the Lord Jesus to come into my heart and save me. Then, I gave the booklet to my mom and dad and after they read it, they asked the Lord to save them too!

I'll never be sad about my name again. I never realized how something as simple as a candy cane could be used to remind people that Jesus will save them.

Deborah: Wow! That is the greatest news ever! Candy, your whole family just had their names written down in heaven!

And speaking of names, I better get going, it's time for our program to start. I know you will enjoy it. Our program is about the birth of Jesus Christ, that name above every name!

(Deborah goes behind the curtain. Kane Family go down steps on church side and take a seat on front row in audience.

Child 1 (comes from behind curtains with a sign and reads)
(What's in a Name?)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

(Mary comes outside curtains and sits on stool, facing towards church building.

Angel is on 2nd Highlighted)

(Angel to Mary): Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Mary: How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

(Angel to Mary): The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.

Mary: Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word.

(Stay still until Shannon sings)

Song: Mary Did you Know? - Shannon

(lights go out on angel & Mary. Mary takes stool and goes behind curtains.)

Scene 5 (curtains open lights on Mary and Joseph And the manger:)

Narrator: Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife:

Matt 1:25 And knew her not till she had brought forth her firstborn son: and he called his name JESUS.

Luke 2:7 And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

Song:

Narrator: And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

(shepherds and sheep sitting by the fire on left edge of stage)

(Angel appears to Shepherds from 2nd floor with spotlight)

Angel(Shepherd): Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

Narrator: Luke 2:13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

(Little angels enter with candles from children's church room singing)
Away in a manger.

Host of Angels stop at top of steps and say: Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. (Host of angels then go to manger and stand)

Narrator Luke 2:15 And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, ...

Shepherd: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

(Shepherds and sheep go to manger scene)

Narrator: Matt 2:1-2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea
in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem.

Wise Men: (enter from children's church and stop at top of steps)
Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. (wise men go to manger scene and bow at manger scene)

SONG: (Wise Men Sing): We 3 kings
Curtains Close

LAST Scene(Curtains open)

Narrator: What's in a name?

(Banners of Jesus banners: Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace, Christ, Bright Morning Star, Redeemer, Light of the World, Savior, Bread of Life, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Jesus)

Narrator: God's Word says in Isaiah 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called **Wonderful, Counseller, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

John 8:12a Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the **light of the world:** ...

Rev 22:16b ... I am the root and the offspring of David, and the **bright and morning star.**

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

Matt 1:21 And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS:** for he shall save his people from their sins.

What's in a Name? Salvation!

Acts 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Narrator: Phil 2:10 That at the name of **Jesus** every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

11 And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Let's all stand and sing together and worship Him! Jesus the Lord is come!

Joy to the World The LORD is come!

(overhead lights coming on)