

Sturt's Desert Pea was flowering along the side of the road. Mum kept wanting dad to stop so she could take photos. She liked the bright red of the flowers against the desert background.

The botanical, or formal, name of Sturt's Desert Pea is *Swainsona Formosa*. These names tell us a lot about the plant. It is called "Sturt" after a famous outback explorer who would have seen it in his travels, "Desert" because it grows there and "Pea" because that is the family of plants it belongs to. *Swainsona* is after Isaac Swainson, an English man who had a private botanical garden and loved and studied plants. *Formosa* means beautiful, and it certainly is.



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# What's in a name?



**Listen to God!**

**Matthew 1:18-23**

In the Bible, names mean a lot too. It has many names for Jesus. They all tell us something about him. The angel told Joseph to call Mary's baby "Jesus" which means saviour and "Immanuel" which means "God is with us".

**Find names for Jesus in the Bible verses and write them in the petals of the Desert Pea**

- Isaiah 9:6      Mark 1:10-11, 24
- John 1:29,    6:35,    8:12,
- 10:11,    14:6,    15:1
- Acts 10:36     Revelation 1:8,    5:5

## Talk to God!

Lord Jesus Christ, your names tell us so much about you. Thank you that they tell us you are God's Son who came to save those who trust in you.

Binara, the nosy frilled neck lizard, asks, "do you know of, or can find any other names for Jesus in the Bible?"



There are over 100.



King of Kings