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American jazz guitarist. One of the first to amplify the guitar, he influenced its emergence as a solo instrument in jazz.

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Chris·tian  (krīs chən)

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adj.

1. Professing belief in Jesus as Christ or following the religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus.
2. Relating to or derived from Jesus or Jesus's teachings.
3. Manifesting the qualities or spirit of Jesus, especially in showing concern for others.
4. Relating to or characteristic of Christianity or its adherents.

n.

1. One who professes belief in Jesus as Christ or follows a religion based on the life and teachings of Jesus.
2. One who lives according to the teachings of Jesus.

[Middle English *Cristen*, from Old English *cristen*, from Latin *Chrīstiānus*, from *Chrīstus*, Christ; see [CHRIST](#).]

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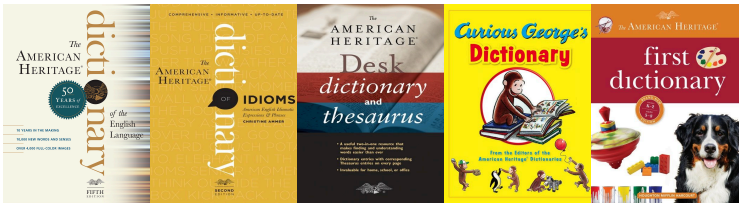
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