

>>> COMMUNITY KIDS <<< GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

ISAIAH 7



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **Mornings:** Ask God to calm you in moments when you feel nervous or anxious. Think on His promises and let those be your reasons not to fear.
- **Evenings:** Make a list of words that describe Jesus. Take time to thank Him for being all those things and for being Immanuel—God with us!

>>> MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE
STORY POINTS TO JESUS:

GOD IS PRESENT WITH US. HE SENT PROPHETS TO HIS PEOPLE, EVEN IN CAPTIVITY, AND PROMISED TO SEND IMMANUEL, WHICH MEANS "GOD WITH US."

JESUS FULFILLED THIS PROMISE WHEN HE CAME TO EARTH AND WAS BORN OF A VIRGIN. JESUS IS OUR IMMANUEL, GOD WITH US.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

Where is God?

God is in all places at all times and is always with His people.

»»» CONTINUE THE STORY AT HOME

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Dear Families,

Do you get scared or anxious when you wait in the doctor's office? It can be a nerve-racking time as you wait, especially if your appointment involves getting any shots! In those anxious moments, it is comforting to have a parent with you. You feel a little better just having someone to sit with you, hold your hand, and remind you that everything is going to be OK.

Because of their disobedience, God's people continued to live under the rule of enemy kings. Ahaz was one of those kings. Ahaz ruled over Judah and chose to worship idols instead of worshiping the one true God. When Ahaz was panicked by the threat of armies coming to attack, God sent the prophet Isaiah to deliver a message. Isaiah told Ahaz that those who trust in God have no reason to be afraid because God will take care of them. Isaiah told Ahaz that this promise would be proven by a sign—a baby born of a virgin and called Immanuel, meaning “God with us.”

Isaiah's message brought hope to God's people. Even while they were suffering in captivity, Isaiah's message reminded them that God had not forgotten them. God kept His promise by sending His own Son, Jesus, to earth. Jesus is God with us. **Even in the most anxious moments, we can find comfort and peace by knowing that Jesus came to be God with us!** Those who trust in Him receive the Holy Spirit to be with us, to care for us, and to remind us that all things will soon be OK when Jesus returns!

God is present with us. He sent prophets to His people, even in captivity, and promised to send Immanuel, which means “God with us.” Jesus fulfilled this promise when He came to earth and was born of a virgin. Jesus is our Immanuel, God with us.

Pray: *Thank You God for sending Jesus to be with us! He understands our weakness because He is fully human like us. But unlike us, He is also fully God—perfect, holy, and powerful enough to save. Help us trust in Him and find the peace we need for all our anxious moments. We know that He is our Immanuel—God with us! Amen.*

FAMILY ACTIVITIES»»»

For Fun: Take a picture of each family member and print a few copies of each picture. Encourage each family member to “hide” their picture around the house in places where it might be found this week. When a picture is found, it can be a reminder that your family is always with one another and ready to serve one another. Remind kids that Jesus is the ultimate servant who came to live with us and serve us by dying in our place for sin. He is our Immanuel—God with us!

To Serve: Invite family members to take turns serving the rest of the family during dinner time. The chosen servant should prepare the table, serve the food, take drink orders, refill cups when needed, and clean up for the family after the meal. Discuss the sacrifices the chosen family member had to make to serve the family. Read Isaiah 52 and talk about Isaiah's other prophecies that describe Jesus as the suffering servant. Take time to thank God for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice to serve us and save us from sin.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

“The Lord your God is among you, a warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will be quiet in his love. He will delight in you with singing.”
—Zephaniah 3:17