

# Christmas at the movies part 3

## “God with Us!”

Advent = “*ad*” for “to” and “*vent*” “come”

God is with Us!

What is one thing you are excited about when it comes to Christmas this year?

- Pic of hot cocoa and cookies from Google drive
- Pic of Christmas music Marathon or Christmas movies from google drive
- Pic Lots of little presents or one big one google drive
- Pic Christmas with snow or Christmas at the Beach -google drive

Table-talk!

- What would make this Christmas one of the best for you this year?

Something around this time of the year makes us dream big, and raise our expectations around Christmas!

But the reality is our expectations are hardly ever met at Christmas...as in life.

Life doesn't seem to go the way that we think it should go...

God doesn't seem to do what we expect him to do...

The Christmas story we celebrate did not happen the way people expected.

*Matthew 1:18-23*

From the very beginning of his coming, God never seems to do what people expect him to do...

But from the very beginning the promise has never been that life will go the way we think it should happen.

*Matthew 1:23*

*Isaiah 7:14*

Immanuel = “God with us”

God with us means no matter what the circumstances, we are never alone.

*Luke 3:1-2*

Jesus quietly came to earth to love us and reveal that God is with us.

The Hope is this: “Life is not all about getting everything right, believing all the right things, the “Hope” of Christmas is that God came...to be with us!

When you begin to orient your life and thinking around this, it can be a game changer!

*Luke 24:13-21a*

*“We had hoped... that He was the One.”*

Can you relate to that feeling?

The name of that feeling, of letdown, confusion and sadness is “disappointment.”

But what if disappointment is a good thing?

God with us

God’s presence is not just for someone else...

God’s presence is for you...

Immanuel “God with us.”

When you begin to understand that the promise is that God is with you, he will never leave nor forsake you, makes Christmas a time of hope and excitement! It’s a reminder of what is to come!

Spend a little more time with God this season