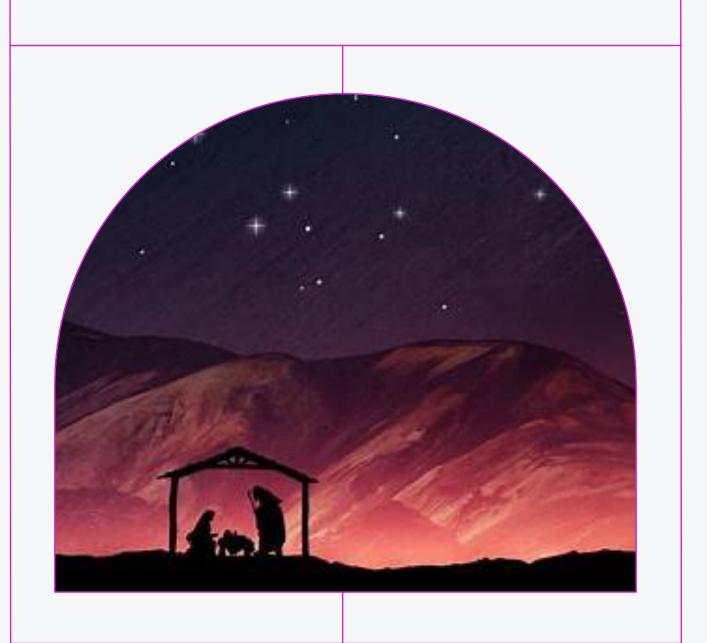
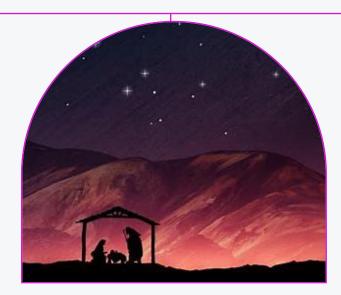
# The Christmas CONNECTION

• Isaiah 7:14

Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.





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## Anticipation

### Father God

#### <u>Genesis 3:14-15</u>

- 14 So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you shall go, And you shall eat dust All the days of your life.
- 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her <u>Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you</u> <u>shall bruise His heel."</u>

## Anticipation

### Abraham

#### <u>Genesis 12:2-3</u>

- 2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing.
- 2 I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; <u>And in you all</u> <u>the families of the earth shall be blessed."</u>

# Anticipation

### Prophet Isaiah

### <u>Isaiah 53:5-7</u>

- 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.
- 7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth

## Opposition

## King Herod

#### Matthew 2:16

Then Herod, when he saw that he was deceived by the wise men, was exceedingly angry; and he sent forth and put to death all the male children who were in Bethlehem and in all its districts, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had determined from the wise men.

# Opposition

### Satan and false teachers

### 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

- 13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.
- 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.
- 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

## Opposition

## Satan, himself

<u>1 John 3:8</u>

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, <u>that He might destroy the</u> <u>works of the devil</u>.

Matthew 27:40

and saying, "You who destroy the temple and build it in three days, save Yourself! <u>If You are the</u> <u>Son of God, come down from the cross.</u>"

## Proclamation

## The Gospel thru believers

#### <u>Romans 1:16</u>

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes,

Romans 5:6

For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

## Proclamation

## The Gospel thru believers

<u>1 Thessalonians 2:12</u>

That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

<u>Luke 19:10</u>

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

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### Challenge:

## Live into the Christmas CONNECTION story this month and everyday

