



## O Come, Emmanuel

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**Isaiah 7:14** Therefore, the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel.

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### 1. A \_\_\_\_\_ in Waiting

- Israel repeatedly faced moments of deep uncertainty—slavery, exile, foreign oppression. (Exodus 3:9)
- Humanity's story echoes this reality—we are all born outside the Garden, living in spiritual exile apart from God. (Genesis 3:23–24; Colossians 1:21)
- God often does His deepest, most transformative work in the driest seasons of life.

**Name one dry place in your life and ask God to meet you there this week.**

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### Jesus is Emmanuel — “God with us.”

He stepped into our exile to fulfill our longings for redemption, restoration, and return.

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### 2. A \_\_\_\_\_ Kept

**Jesus fulfills every longing and title expressed in Israel's prophetic hope:**

- **Emmanuel** — God with us (Matt. 1:23; John 1:14)
- **Wisdom of God** — The Eternal Wisdom of God (Isa. 11:2; 1 Cor. 1:24)
- **Lord of Might** — The true lawgiver and righteous judge (Isa. 33:22; Mk 2:27-28)
- **Root of Jesse** — The promised Davidic King (Isa. 11:1; Rev. 22:16)
- **Key of David** — Holder of spiritual authority and access (Isa. 22:22; Rev. 3:7)
- **Bright Morning Star** — Light breaking dawn into darkness (Mal. 4:2; Lk. 1:78–79)
- **Desire of Nations** — The One who brings Shalom (Hag. 2:7; Rev. 19:16)

**Choose one title of Jesus and speak it over a specific need every day this week.**

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### 3. A \_\_\_\_\_ that Changes Everything

- Jesus doesn't always remove hardship—He steps into it with us.
- Emmanuel is the antidote to isolation, fear, shame, and despair.
- **Flourishing is possible even in pain** because God's presence is the source of life, courage, and hope.

**When fear rises, pause and whisper, “Emmanuel, be with me right now.”**

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**Let's invite Jesus into your life right now.**

**ADMIT**

**BELIEVE**

**CHOOSE**

## Family Advent Devotional

### Sunday, Dec 7 — Jesus is our Peace

Devotion: Jesus was born in a tiny town called Bethlehem—showing that God can use small places to do big things. Jesus brings peace to every heart that trusts Him.

Activity: Light the candle and say, “*Jesus is our peace!*”

Kid Song: *Away in a Manger*

Contemporary Song: *Peace Be Still (Kids Version)* – Hillsong Kids

Prayer: “Jesus, bring Your peace into our home.”

**Scripture:** Micah 5:2

### Monday, Dec 8 — Jesus Calms Storms

**Scripture:** Mark 4:39

Devotion: Jesus stood up in a storm and said, “Quiet! Be still!” and the waves obeyed Him. He can calm storms in our hearts too—worry, fear, and anger.

Activity: Blow on water in a bowl, then still it with your hand.

Kid Song: *With Jesus in the Boat, You Can Smile in the Storm*

Contemporary Song: *Oceans (Kids Version)*

Prayer: “Jesus, calm any storms in my heart today.”

### Tuesday, Dec 9 — The Lord Is My Shepherd

**Scripture:** Psalm 23:1

Devotion: A shepherd leads and protects his sheep. Jesus leads us gently and helps us make good choices.

Activity: Use a candy cane as a “shepherd’s staff.”

Kid Song: *The B-I-B-L-E*

Prayer: “Jesus, guide me today.”

### Wednesday, Dec 10 — Peace in My Heart

**Scripture:** John 14:27a

Devotion: Jesus gives peace that doesn’t go away—even when things feel scary. His peace works from the inside out.

Activity: Hug a stuffed animal to feel comfort.

Kid Song: *He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands*

Contemporary Song: *Prince of Peace* – Hillsong Young & Free

Prayer: “Jesus, fill my heart with Your peace.”

### Thursday, Dec 11 — Be Still

**Scripture:** Psalm 46:10

Devotion: God says, “Be still and know that I am God.” Stillness helps us hear His voice.

Activity: 30 seconds of “quiet hands, quiet hearts.”

Kid Song: *Be Still and Know* (Cedarmont Kids)

Contemporary Song: *Be Still* – Hillsong Kids

Prayer: “God, help me listen to You.”

### Fri, Dec 12 — Peace Through Jesus

**Scripture:** Colossians 1:20

Devotion: Jesus made peace between us and God. He fixed what was broken.

Activity: Use tape or glue to fix something broken.

Kid Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*

Contemporary Song: *Glorious Day (Kids Version)*

Prayer: “Thank You, Jesus, for giving us peace.”

### Saturday, Dec 13 — Be a Peacemaker

**Scripture:** Matthew 5:9

Devotion: Jesus wants us to make peace—share toys, forgive quickly, and use kind words.

Activity: Create a “peace card” for someone.

Kid Song: *If You’re Happy and You Know It* (add “make peace for Jesus”)

Contemporary Song: *Let There Be Peace* – Matt Maher (kids sing chorus)

Prayer: “Lord, make me a peacemaker.”