



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.

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.

Jesus is Emmanuel — “God with us.”

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

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.

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.”

Let’s invite Jesus into your life right now.

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Family Advent Devotional

Sunday, Dec 7 — Jesus is our Peace

Scripture: Micah 5:2

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.”

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* (Cedarhurst 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.”