

TAKE HOME SHEET



**Series:** Hello! My Name Is...  
**Message:** With Us  
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**When you take a moment to consider it, the fact that God has come to be “with us” is really amazing. The creator, sustainer and awesome God cares so much about us, He personally entered our world and lives to rescue, redeem and restore us.**

**If you have not yet personally accepted Jesus as your Savior and leader, please know God sincerely wants you to. It is as simple as ABC –**

**A** – Admit you need His forgiveness and help.  
**B** – Believe He sent Jesus to sacrifice His life so we could be forgiven and restored.  
**C** – Choose to accept His leadership and follow Him.

If you have questions and would like to talk with someone about this, please email [info@newhope.org](mailto:info@newhope.org) and we will be honored to help.

If you have accepted Jesus as your Savior and leader, knowing He is here with you right now should bring comfort and a sense of purpose as you remember all He has done and promises to do as you follow.

Take some time and read the following passage several times through. As you do, thank God for what He has done.

*<sup>13</sup> For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, <sup>14</sup> who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins. <sup>15</sup> Christ is the visible image of the invisible God. He existed before anything was created and is supreme over all creation, <sup>16</sup> for through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. <sup>18</sup> Christ is also the head of the church, which is his body. He is the beginning, supreme over all who rise from the dead. So he is first in everything. <sup>19</sup> For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, <sup>20</sup> and through him God reconciled everything to himself. He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ's blood on the cross. <sup>21</sup> This includes you who were once far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. <sup>22</sup> Yet now he has reconciled you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and you are holy and blameless as you stand before him without a single fault. <sup>23</sup> But you must continue to believe this truth and stand firmly in it. Don't drift away from the assurance you received when you heard the Good News.*

Colossians 1:13-23 (NLT)

**BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:**

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Talk with people and you get the idea that God is...

Watching us but uninvolved or unable to act.

Waiting to catch us messing up.

Working on bigger ticket items than us.

Winking at us and our choices.

The Bible gives us a much different picture of God and it culminates with the amazing reality that He is with us and for us.

This changes everything!

*All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').*

Isaiah 7:14 (NLT)

*<sup>20</sup> As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. <sup>21</sup> And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." <sup>22</sup> All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: <sup>23</sup> "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

Matthew 1:20–23 (NLT)

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Colossians 1:13–14 (NLT)

*<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

Matthew 28:18–20 (NLT)

**If God is with me, I have everything I will ever need!**