

The Beginning of God With Us

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STUDY TEXT: LUKE 2:1-20

Discuss the following BIG IDEAs and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.

Big Idea 1: God Faithfully Fulfilled His Promise ([Luke 2:1-7](#))

Live It Out: Trust God's faithfulness even when you cannot see how He is working. He is able to accomplish His purposes through ordinary circumstances and unexpected events.

- *How does fulfilled prophecy strengthen your confidence in God's Word?*
- *Why is it encouraging to know that God's promises are not dependent on human rulers or circumstances?*

Live It Out: Ask Jesus to help you reflect His humility in the way you serve others this week.

- *Why do you think God chose for the Messiah to enter the world with such humble beginnings?*
- *How should Jesus' humility shape the way we live and serve others? (See also [Philippians 2:5-11](#).)*

Big Idea 2: Jesus Is Immanuel—God With Us ([Luke 2:8-14](#); [Matthew 1:22-23](#))

Live It Out: Thank Jesus for becoming Immanuel—God with us. Ask Him to help you see and value people the way He does.

- *Why do you think God chose shepherds to hear the good news first? What does that reveal about His character?*
- *What does the name Immanuel ("God with us") teach us about God's desire to have a relationship with people?*

Live It Out: Worship Jesus this week by thanking Him for leaving Heaven to become your Savior and bringing you peace with God.

- *Why is Jesus' birth truly "good news" for every person?*
- *How should the reality that God came near in Jesus shape the way we celebrate Christmas?*

Big Idea 3: God With Us Changes Everything ([Luke 2:15-20](#))

Live It Out: Ask God to give you one opportunity this week to share the hope of Jesus with someone who needs to hear the good news.

- *What do the shepherds teach us about responding to God's message with faith and obedience?*
- *Who is one person you could intentionally point to Jesus this Christmas season?*

Live It Out: Take time this Christmas to worship Jesus for coming into the world as Immanuel—God with us—and consider how your life reflects the joy of knowing Him.

- *What can we learn from Mary's response and the shepherds' response to Jesus' birth?*
- *How has knowing Jesus changed the way you live, worship, or speak about Him?*

WORK TOGETHER TO MEMORIZE THE FAMILY SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

Luke 2:11

Build a Foundation

Discussion questions for elementary age students.

1. *Who is "God with us?"*
2. *How does Jesus' birth fulfill God's promises to Abraham and David?*
3. *What are some ways you can show Jesus is your King in your everyday life?*

Faith Connections

Play a game of "Hide and Seek" with candy canes. If weather permits, do the activity outdoors, placing the candy canes on trees, in bushes, and around your yard. Talk about how the candy cane looks like the letter J, which reminds us of Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this week. Turn the candy cane upside down and talk about how it also looks like a shepherd's hook, which reminds us of the shepherds whom the angels told about Jesus' birth. After the candy canes have been found, have some hot chocolate and read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1–20) with your family.

Stand Strong

How can Jesus be both God and human?

Answer: Jesus is fully God and fully human. When He was born, He did not stop being God. Instead, He took on human nature and entered the world as a baby. This is called the Incarnation. Because Jesus is both God and man, He can reveal God perfectly and provide salvation for humanity. The baby in Bethlehem was truly God with us.

Scripture: John 1:1, 14; Matthew 1:23

Preschool Highlights

Today your child learned God sent an angel to tell a young couple named Mary and Joseph that she would give birth to God's Son. They were to name Him *Jesus*. Mary and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem because of an order from the ruler of their country, and while they were there, Baby Jesus was born. **Jesus Is God's Son** and He is the Savior of the world.



Jesus is Immanuel—God with us. As we intentionally spend time with our children, grandchildren, and others we influence, we reflect God's heart by pointing them to Christ through our presence, our words, and our love.