



Virginia Agape International Baptist Church

Children's Cell Newsletter

December 18, 2022

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for allowing your child to join our service. I'd love for you to use this newsletter to review this week's Bible story with your child at home.

Today, we learn that **"God Is Present with Us"** (Isaiah 7).

Isaiah said that God was going to send someone named Immanuel. God's promise came true when Jesus was born. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel. The name Immanuel means "God with us."

Review the gospel and encourage your child to speak with you if they have questions. Remind your child that we can trust that, through Jesus, God is always with us. Then, pray, thanking God that through Jesus He promises to be with us always. God's presence should give us great comfort and encouragement.

Grace and blessings in Christ,

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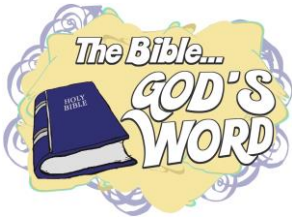
God Is Present with Us

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 7

KEY PASSAGE: Zephaniah 3:17

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Where is God?

God is in all places at all times and is always with His people.

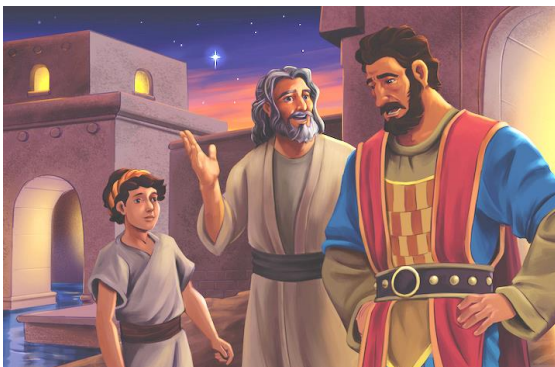


Ahaz was not a good king. When he ruled over Judah, he did not do what was right. Ahaz made sacrifices and offerings to idols. Idols are people and things that are worshiped but are not the one true God. During Ahaz's time as king, two other kings—the king of

Israel and the king of Aram—agreed to protect each other in battles. King Ahaz gave silver and gold to the king of Assyria. Assyria was a strong nation, and the king of Assyria agreed to protect Judah.

One day, Ahaz heard that the kings of Israel and Aram were coming to Judah. Their armies were going to attack Jerusalem! Ahaz was afraid! Everyone in Judah was afraid.

But Ahaz didn't need to be afraid. He should have trusted God. God had promised his ancestor, King David, that He would be with His people. God sent the prophet Isaiah to talk to Ahaz. Isaiah said, "Pay attention and be quiet. Trust God. Be confident that God will take care of you."





God had good news for Ahaz. “The kings of Israel and Syria are planning to attack Jerusalem and make someone else king. But this won’t happen,” God said. “If you do not trust Me, you will not last.”

Isaiah said to Ahaz, “Listen! God is going to give you a sign to prove He is telling the truth. Here is the sign: A virgin will have a baby. She will name the baby Immanuel.”

Isaiah told Ahaz that very soon, the kings of Israel and Syria would not be a threat to Judah. “But,” Isaiah continued, “God’s judgment is coming. He is going to judge you and the people of Judah. You have not seen judgment like this since Solomon’s kingdom was divided into Israel and Judah. The king of Assyria and his strong army is coming to attack!

On that day, God will send enemy armies to Judah. The Assyrians will come from the north, and the Egyptians will come from the south. They will be everywhere, like flies and bees,” Isaiah said. “You won’t be able to escape!”

God is present with us. He sent prophets to His people, even in captivity, and promised to send Immanuel, which means “God with us.” Jesus fulfilled this promise when He came to earth and was born of a virgin. Jesus is our Immanuel, God with us.

Key Passage



**The LORD your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you by his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.**

« Zephaniah 3:17 »



REMINDER

[Important Notice]

- ✓ Children's cell worship service will start at 12:00 noon.
- ✓ There is a practice for the children's cell Christmas performance every Lord's Day.
- ✓ There will be no Children's Cell Services on December 25, 2022 and January 1, 2023. All children attend the main service with their parents.
- ✓ The Children's Cell Bible Writing Event for 2023 will start again on January 1, 2023.
- ✓ Remind your children **not to play with electronic devices or toys** such as smartphones or dolls, during our service.
- ✓ Our prayer is that the children's time spent in our church would encourage them to trust Christ as Savior, to submit to Him, and to live out the Gospel wherever they are.



“God Delivered His People” (Ezra 1)



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