Day 8: Immanuel: God With Us

December 8 · Read Isaiah 7:10-14

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Key verse (KJV)

"Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel."

— Isaiah 7:14

Talk It Over

Ages 6–8 The name Immanuel means "God with us" (Matthew 1:23). Why is that a wonderful name for Jesus?

Ages 9–11 King Ahaz would not ask God for a sign. What sign did God promise anyway?

Ages 12–14 Matthew quotes this verse in 1:23. Why would Matthew point so often to the words of the prophets?

From Christmas history

The History of "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

This hymn grew out of the "O Antiphons," short Latin prayers sung in churches on the seven evenings from December 17 to 23. Each one calls on Christ by a title from the prophets, such as Wisdom, Key of David and Emmanuel. The antiphons are well over a thousand years old. John Mason Neale, an English pastor, published his English version in 1851.

Our family notes, prayer requests or thanks

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