

“What’s His Name?” - LESSON 6

“Emmanuel”

Main Focus:

Jesus came from Heaven to be with us.



Power Verse:

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel (which means ‘God with us’).”

- Matthew 1:23



Whatchagaddaknow:

“Jesus Is With Me Every Single Day!”

LEADER’S INFO

Christmas is the birthday of a king. But, Jesus was not just ANY king. He was a king who left His throne in Heaven in order to come to Earth. His entire motivation was to save the world from their sin.

Jesus chose to come to Earth not as a flashy king with a crown and material wealth. He chose the most humble beginnings - a stable and a manger. He proved that He was not in it for Himself, but for others.

In today’s lesson, the children will learn that Jesus is Emmanuel - “God with us.” He didn’t wait for us to come to HIM. He came to us. He came FOR us. He came to be WITH us. They will learn how he is ALWAYS with us - no matter where we are, what we do, or what we face. We can always count on Jesus to be with us.



“The Spark” Intro Video

“Who Is Emmanuel?”



“Whatchagaddaknow” Video

Alexis teaches “Whatchagaddaknow”



Character Skit

“Joy The Wrapper”



Offering Time



Game Time!

“What Child Is This?”



Bible Story

“Jesus’ Story”



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Call To Action

“Prince Of Peace”



REWIND!

Review Game



Small Group Experience

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Lesson 6 Materials Needed:

“The Spark” Intro Video

- “Lesson 6 - The Spark” Intro Video

“Whatchagaddaknow” Teaching Video

- “Lesson 6 - Whatchagaddaknow - Teaching” Video

- “Lesson 6 - Whatchagaddaknow - Trigger” Video

Character Skit

- “Joy The Wrapper” Theme Graphic/Music

- Joy Costume

- Wrapping Paper And Accessories

Offering Time

- “Offering Time” Bumper Video

Game Time!

- “Game Time!” Bumper Video

- “What Child Is This?” Graphic

- Several Pictures Of Your Kids Ministry Leaders When They Were Babies

- Paper

- Pens/Pencils

Bible Story

- “Lesson 6 - Bible Story” Graphics

Power Verse Video

- “Lesson 6 - Power Verse” Video

Call To Action

- “Lesson 6 - Call To Action” Graphics

- A Crown

REWIND!

- “Rewind!” Bumper Video

- “Lesson 6 - Rewind!” Graphics

Small Group Experience

- Bible Story Print Piece

- Crayons, Pencils, Or Markers

- Paper Plates



Introduction to “The Spark” Intro Video

Leader: Hey kids! Today, we are continuing our series, “What’s His Name?” It’s ALL about Christmas! We are learning about an important prophecy all about the day Jesus would be born. It contains lots of names used to describe Jesus. So far we learned that Jesus is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and Prince Of Peace.

But did you know there was another name that Isaiah used another name to describe Jesus? It’s in a different place in the book of Isaiah, but it is there. Does anybody have a guess as to what that name could be? *(Allow several kids to guess)*

Those are all very good guesses. But in order for you to find out exactly what name we are learning about in this “What’s His Name?” lesson, I want you to check out this video!

(play “The Spark” Intro Video)

Leader: Today, we’re learning that Jesus left Heaven to come to Earth to be with us! It’s for this reason that He is called Emmanuel! That name means “God with us.” You see, Jesus didn’t just send a message of love to us...He came and showed us that love in person.

He walked where we walk, felt what we feel, and showed us what God’s heart is really like. Jesus didn’t stay far away; He came close so that we could know Him, talk to Him, and have a real relationship with Him.

That’s exactly what we are learning about, today. Jesus is “Emmanuel.” But before we get too far into it, let’s check in to find out “Whatchagaddaknow?”

(play “Whatchagaddaknow - Teaching” Video)

CHARACTER SKIT

Character: “Joy the Wrapper” *(Joy is an extreme Christmas wrapper - she really gets into her package wrapping! She’s a perfectionist and is here to get the job done. She dresses in festive Christmas attire, including a “toolbelt” full of Christmas wrapping supplies.)*

Joy: *(Pops up from behind a table with a tablecloth)* FINALLY! I found you! Jumping jolly jingle bells, I’m not alone!

Leader: *(Startled)* Joy!? What... were you doing down there?

Joy: *(Gets up and walks over with her supplies in hand)* I dropped my tape. And then my scissors. And then my ribbon. And then... *(points to her shoe)* my left Christmas sock!

Leader: Well, it sounds like you need to get a handle on your stuff!

Joy: The WORST part is, every time I picked something up... something ELSE disappeared! It was like my supplies were playing hide-and-seek with me!

Leader: Oooo! I love hide-and-seek! Okay, I’ll hide, and you come find me! *(Starts to run away)*

Joy: NO, PLEASE! Stay here! Everything is running away from me! First it was my supplies, then my sock, now my friend? I can’t take it!

Leader: Joy, what’s wrong?

Joy: I just don’t want to be alone! That’s the worst feeling, and I have felt it all morning! Do you know how hard it is to wrap presents without Tammy Tape and Savannah Scissors? Don’t even get me started on Randy Ribbon rolling away!

Leader: That would make it pretty hard to wrap presents!

Joy: Hard? Try IMPOSSIBLE! You can’t wrap presents without your supply friends! And I don’t want to be here without you, so please don’t run away!

Leader: Don’t worry, Joy, I won’t go anywhere. Actually, I think there’s something important I need to tell you.

Joy: What? Did you find Harold the Hot Glue Gun? Still haven’t found him... *(Looks around)*

Leader: No. Joy, sometimes, life can feel really lonely. Sometimes your parents split up, your friends stop playing with you, or your family moves away. There are a lot of things that can make us feel lonely. But the Bible says Jesus is called Emmanuel.

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CHARACTER SKIT

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Joy: Emmanuel? I thought His name is Jesus? Or Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince Of Peace...

Leader: *(Chuckles)* It is, but He is also called Emmanuel, which means God WITH us. Jesus’ name means that God is always with us!

Joy: Wait, so even when my supplies left me, I wasn’t ACTUALLY alone?

Leader: Exactly. Jesus was with you the entire time!

Joy: Even when the sock betrayed me?!

Leader: Even then. Jesus never abandons us. He’s with us every minute of every day.

Joy: So, you’re saying I’m never alone? Even at 3 am, when I can’t sleep and decide to alphabetize my bows?

Leader: Even at 3 am! Wherever you go, whatever happens, God is with you all the time!

Joy: Whoa... I never have to feel alone again! *(Pointing to her wrapping supplies)* But that doesn’t mean you guys can leave me again! I should go find Harold the Hot Glue Gun. Wish me luck! I’m Joy the Wrapper! Merry Christmas, everyone!

(EXITS WHILE THEME MUSIC PLAYS)



GAME TIME!

“What Child Is This?”

Items Needed For Game:

Several pictures of your Kid’s Ministry leaders when they were babies; paper and pens/pencils for everyone

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Preparation:

Ask several of your leaders and volunteers to send you pictures of themselves as babies. Place these pictures in the PowerPoint presentation *(or you may wish to print them on large pieces of paper)*.

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How To Play:

Show each picture, and allow the children to write down which leader they think each picture is of, and then give them the answers. The one(s) who get the MOST correct answers is the winner(s)!



Bible Story

“Jesus’ Story”

Materials Needed:

The Bible Story graphics for Lesson 6; begin with the slide that says “Bible Story”; follow the instructions below, changing the slides to follow along with the story (*as shown*)

Preparation:

Familiarize yourself with the story of Jesus in The Gospels; have your open Bible in your hands as you tell the story

The Story:

Today’s Bible Story is probably the most important story in the entire Bible. It’s the story of Jesus. Jesus is God’s Son. He had the perfect life up in Heaven. He was King of the Universe and had everything He could possibly ever need. But, Jesus decided to leave Heaven and come to Earth.

(*show pic*) He didn’t come to Earth as a king, though. No, Jesus left His throne in Heaven and came to Earth as a tiny little baby. He was born to a couple named Mary and Joseph. Jesus was born in a stable - a barn - and was laid in a manger full of hay. Not much of a life for a King.

(*show pic*) God was excited to announce the birth of His Son, Jesus. He sent angels to appear to a group of shepherds. The angels said, “Don’t be afraid. We bring you good news for all people.” Once the shepherds heard the good news, they ran to go see this baby king who had been born to take away the sins of the world.

The shepherds weren’t the only ones to visit this new king named Jesus. (*show pic*) Several magi, sometimes called wise men, followed a star that had appeared the night Jesus was born. They traveled many many miles, bringing Jesus gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

There was a reason that Jesus came to Earth. The people of Earth had turned away from God. They had sinned and done all kinds of evil things. Jesus knew that SIN separates people from God. He didn’t want that, so He came to Earth to show God’s love. (*show pic*) As He grew, Jesus began teaching everyone that HE was the way to get past sin and get back to God.

But, there were some religious leaders who got very jealous of Jesus. They decided Jesus was getting too popular among the people, so they arrested Jesus and sentenced Him to die on a cross. (*show pic*) Jesus was nailed to a cross in order to pay the price for our sin. He had never sinned, so He took our place on that cross. Three days after He was buried, (*show pic*) Jesus rose from the dead. He was alive! He rose up into Heaven and is there to this very day. He came to the Earth to die on the cross so that you and I could be forgiven. And He continues to walk with us everyday through the troubles we face in our life. He is Emmanuel! You will continue to learn more about that name - Emmanuel - in your lesson today!





Call To Action

“Emmanuel”

Materials Needed:

The graphic slides for Lesson 6; a crown

Preparation:

Begin with the slide titled “Lesson 6 - Call To Action - Title”

The Message: *(title slide)*



Today, we are learning about another name that was used in the Bible to describe Jesus - Emmanuel! Emmanuel is a BIG word that means “God with us”. We normally hear this name around Christmas time - especially in a famous Christmas carol. *(jokingly sing “O Come O Come Emmanuel”)* Well maybe it doesn’t sound quite like that!

The Bible uses the name “Emmanuel” to describe Jesus because...

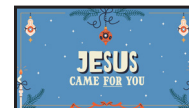
Jesus Came To You *(slide)*



Jesus had everything He could ever want in Heaven. He was the King of the Universe. *(put on crown)* He had angels that would serve His every need. If He wanted something, He could just snap His fingers and He would have it. He didn’t have to worry about anything. There were no problems, no wars, no worries, no danger. Heaven was a perfect place.

(take off crown) But, Jesus loved us enough to leave the perfection of Heaven and come to this Earth where we have so much sin, sadness, trouble, and pain. Not only did He come TO you, but...

Jesus Came For You *(slide)*



Jesus knew that the only way you could be saved from sin is for Him to leave Heaven, come to Earth, then die on a cross to pay the price for your sin. YOU are the reason Jesus came to Earth. Isn’t that amazing? He loves you that much. In fact, He loves the WHOLE world that much.

That is why we celebrate Christmas. It was the beginning of Jesus’ time on Earth. It began with a baby in a manger, but it didn’t end there. It continued throughout the life of Jesus as He performed miracles and showed people God’s love. It continued through His arrest and death on a cross. It continued even further when He rose from the dead three days later. That story continues today as Jesus is in Heaven, hoping that each person will receive the gift He has for them - forgiveness. He continues to walk with us in our lives daily as we face the troubles of this world. You see...

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Call To Action *(Continued)*

Jesus Is Always With You *(slide)*



Jesus said it himself, “Surely I am with you ALWAYS...” When will he be with you? *(allow response)* Just sometimes? *(allow response)* Most of the time? *(allow response)* When will he be with you? *(allow response)* That’s right - Jesus is with us ALWAYS - to the very end!

That means when you are worried about a BIG test at school - Jesus is with you! Or when you’re sad because your grandparent is sick - Jesus is with you! Or when you are feeling alone because you haven’t been able to make any friends at school - Jesus is with you! No matter what you are facing in your life, Jesus is with you!

We don’t have to face anything alone in our lives because Jesus has promised He will be with us! That is why he is EMMANUEL! He is “God with us”. He came to us and for us, and He will always be with us no matter what.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for the children who are needing Jesus to be with them in their lives. Pray for those facing tough situations in their lives. Pray they will be reminded that Jesus is always with them. Lead everyone in a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus’ sacrifice to come to Earth and pay the price for our sins.



Materials Needed:

“REWIND!” Lesson 6 Graphics; “REWIND!” Bumper Video

Preparation:

Play the “REWIND!” Bumper Video; Begin with the slide titled “REWIND!”; there is a slide for each question

1. Whatchagaddaknow today?

Answer: “Jesus Is With Me Every Single Day!”

2. Who did we learn about in our Bible Story?

Answer: Jesus

3. True Or False: Jesus came to Earth as an adult.

Answer: False

4. What did Jesus sacrifice for the world?

Answer: His Life

5. What word did we learn about today that Isaiah used to describe Jesus?

Answer: Emmanuel

6. What does Emmanuel mean?

Answer: God With Us

7. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Came _____ You.”

Answer: To

8. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Came For _____.”

Answer: You

9. According to our lesson today, “Jesus Is _____ With You.”

Answer: Always

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: Matthew 1:23