

God with Us

This 5-day devotional guide will help you prepare your heart for the upcoming Sunday sermon, "God with Us." It may also be used as a guide for family devotions and is for the

week
beginning Monday, December 14,
2026.

Monday

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-19

Questions for Reflection

- What situation did Joseph discover concerning Mary before they came together?
- How does Matthew describe Joseph's character in verse 19?
- What does Joseph's response teach us about showing grace while pursuing what is right?
- How can you respond with both truth and compassion when you face difficult or confusing situations?

Questions for Children

- To whom was Mary engaged to be married?
- Before Joseph and Mary lived together, what did Joseph learn about Mary?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for giving us examples of godly character in Your Word. Help

me respond to difficult situations with both kindness and integrity.

Tuesday

Scripture: Matthew 1:20-21

Questions for Reflection

- Who appeared to Joseph while he was considering these things?
- What name was Joseph told to give the child, and why?
- What does the name "Jesus" teach us about His mission in coming to earth?
- How should the truth that Jesus came to save sinners affect the way you live today?

Questions for Children

- Who spoke to Joseph in a dream?
- What name was Joseph told to give the baby?

Prayer Prompt

Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to save Your people from their sins. Help me trust You fully as my Savior and rejoice in the salvation You provide.

Wednesday

Scripture: Matthew 1:22-23

Questions for Reflection

- What Old Testament prophecy does Matthew say was fulfilled by Jesus' birth?

- What does the name "Immanuel" mean?
- Why is it significant that God kept His promise given centuries before Christ's birth?
- How does knowing that God is with His people encourage you in the circumstances you face today?

Questions for Children

- What special name is given to Jesus in these verses?
- What does the name "Immanuel" mean?

Prayer Prompt

Heavenly Father, thank You for keeping every promise You make. Help me trust Your faithfulness and rest in the truth that You are with me.

Thursday

Scripture: Matthew 1:24-25

Questions for Reflection

- What did Joseph do after he woke from the dream?
- How did Joseph respond to the instructions God gave him?
- What does Joseph's obedience teach us about genuine faith in God?
- What is one area of your life where God is calling you to trust Him and obey His Word?

Questions for Children

- Did Joseph obey the angel's message?
- What name did Joseph give to the child?

Prayer Prompt

Lord, give me a heart that trusts and obeys You. Help me follow Your Word even when I do not understand every detail of Your plan.

Friday

Scripture: Matthew 1:18-25

Questions for Reflection

- What names or titles are given to Jesus in this passage?
- What do those names reveal about who Jesus is?
- How does this account of Christ's birth deepen your appreciation for God's love and salvation?
- How can you intentionally share the message of "God with us" with someone during this Christmas season?

Questions for Children

- What two names are used for Jesus in this passage?
- Who sent Jesus into the world?

Prayer Prompt

Father, thank You for sending Jesus to be our Savior and Immanuel, God with us. Help me worship Christ with gratitude and share the joy of His coming with others this Christmas season.