



**God With Us**  
**Matthew 1:18-25**

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*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel" (which means, God with us)." Matthew 1:23*

At Christmas, we celebrate His birth. It's ok to enjoy all the Holiday fun, but we must keep Jesus at the center of our focus. The significance of Christmas is much more than Santa, Christmas lights, and presents. Immanuel has come. God is with us!

**Key Truth:** More than lights and fun traditions, during Christmas we celebrate the \_\_\_\_\_ of a personal, redeeming Savior.

*What is the significance of Immanuel?*

1. I am no longer \_\_\_\_\_.

That restless night in Bethlehem brought us reconciliation.

Romans 5:1; Luke 15; 2 Corinthians 5:18

2. God is \_\_\_\_\_.

"To say that God is 'with' someone or a people means that God is guiding and helping them to fulfill their calling." (ESV Study Bible Note)

Isaiah 7:14-16; Matthew 28:20

3. I can become \_\_\_\_\_ than I am now.

Proverbs 4:23; 2 Peter 1:3-8

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