

## **Response Activities**

### **Jesus is Immanuel**

***Bible Passage: Isaiah 7:14, Luke 1:1-4, 26-56***

***Remember Verse: Remember Verse: Luke 2:11***

***Today in the City of David a Savior has been born to you. He is Christ the Lord!***

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***Hello Families!***

***We hope you enjoy this bonus material, it includes discussion questions and activities designed as additional ways to connect with the story videos. The Kids Connect video message coordinates with what is being taught in our main service and breaks it down to a more age appropriate level. It is our intention with both the videos and these activities to include different elements for the various age levels of kids who will be participating in these lessons. Each week we are drawing from curriculums designed for different age levels from preschool-4th grade, to help make this happen. We understand that not every element will apply to every age, but it is our hope that each family will be able to draw out those elements they can tailor to the children in their families. It is our prayer that this lesson, the kids' videos and the live steam service will help open up conversation in your household and provide a way for your entire family to engage with God's word!***

# Jesus is Immanuel

This weeks' response activities can be adapted for both **preschool** and **elementary** aged kids.

## RESPOND

### Names of God Ornaments

#### SUPPLIES

- Christmas ornament coloring sheets
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Ribbon

#### RELATE

In today's story we learned that when the angel visited Mary he told her that God wanted her to name her baby Jesus, Immanuel which means God with us. Did you know that Immanuel is only one of the names we call Jesus? We also call Him Wonderful Counselor because He guides us through life. Mighty God because He is mighty, no problem is too great for Him. He's also the Everlasting Father. We are His kids—His family! He will never leave us. He is the Prince of Peace. He teaches us how to have peace with ourselves, in our communities, and in our world.

When we accept the gift of Jesus in our lives He is all of these things to us, and so much more. Today you will be creating ornaments that have the different names of Jesus on them, you can decorate them in any way that you would like. As you decorate your ornaments, talk to your family about which one of the names of Jesus is your favorite. When you are finished you can cut out the ornaments and hang them on your tree or somewhere in your house to remind you of the special news Mary received from the Angel and to celebrate the gift that Jesus is for all of us!

### Blessing Cards

#### SUPPLIES

- Paper
- Markers, crayons, or colored pencils
- Misc. craft supplies (stickers, glitter, ribbon, etc.)

#### PREPARE AHEAD

During this season, getting a special note of kindness can be a great way for us to share the love of Jesus! Talk as a family about someone you think would love to receive a Christmas blessing from you and then spend some time creating your blessing cards. You can even remind them of one of the names of Jesus to help them remember that God sees them, loves them and sent His son to earth to save them.

## BLESS

Today we learned that Jesus is Immanuel, a name that means "God with us." Lead children through this call and response several times:

Leader: **Jesus is Immanuel!**

Children: **God with us!**

The Bible tells us, "The LORD Almighty is with us" (Psalm 46:7a).

May you know that your God, who is mighty and wonderful, is always with you.

