

# God is: Emmanuel (With Us!)

The eighth attribute of **EMMANUEL**—which is **GOD WITH US!** What “**WITH US**”? It means alongside each of us! live among people, God beside us! Jesus came,

**HUMAN**, in order to be with us and show us just how much **GOD LOVES US!**

**Scripture Lesson:** **Matthew 1: 18-25**

The scripture lesson for today tells of Joseph’s encounter with an angel of the Lord, telling him that Mary was expecting a child and that he should be named Jesus. The angel then tells Joseph that people would call the child “Emmanuel”, which means “God with us.”

**Memory verse:** **“The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel—which means “God with us.” Matthew 1:23**

**Thinking about it:** Joseph was a good man, a VERY good man. When he discovered that Mary was expecting a child BEFORE they were married, he decided that he would quietly break off their engagement. If she was discovered, Mary could have been in a lot of trouble. But after contemplating the situation, Joseph had a surprise visitor: an ANGEL OF THE LORD! (If you remember from last week’s lesson, Mary ALSO had a visit, from the Angel Gabriel.) Joseph’s angel realized his fear, and assured him that the Holy Spirit was with Mary, and that the child she carried would SAVE THEIR PEOPLE FROM THEIR SINS! Just like the Angel Gabriel had instructed Mary, THIS angel told Joseph to name the child “Jesus” (Greek for Joshua), which means “God Saves.” Not only that, but the angel reminded Joseph that the prophet named Isaiah, who lived about 700 years BEFORE Jesus was born, wrote that someday the Messiah would be born of a virgin and people would call Him “Emmanuel” which



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means “God with us.” This assured Joseph that remaining with Mary and raising this special child was God’s desire, and he obeyed God and named the boy “Jesus.” It was VERY IMPORTANT that Jesus be both GOD and HUMAN, so that He could be “GOD WITH US.” Because Jesus was born with a human mother, Mary, and the Holy Spirit, He is both HUMAN and GOD! God loves us SO MUCH that He sent Jesus to be WITH US and DIE FOR US so that we would understand His love!

### **Suggested video clips:**

Gabriel visits Joseph from ***The Nativity Story***:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhzOQAI-2fA>

The Story of Christmas: Elementary Lesson 1 Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duq2LFiTpic>

### **Suggested activities:**

There is a fun craft involving the creation of an image of Jesus in a manger with the memory verse. It can be found at the website “Catholic Icing”.

<https://www.catholicicing.com/emmanuel-craft-for-kids/>

### **Questions to consider:**

- What happened after Joseph planned to divorce Mary?
- Why did the angel visit Joseph?
- What happened after Joseph woke up from his dream?
- What does this bible story tell us about the best way to deal with fear or struggles?
- Could Jesus be really human if he did not have any human parents? NO.
- Could Jesus be really human if he had a human mother and father? YES
- Could Jesus be really God if he had both a human mother and father? NO.
- Could Jesus be really God if he was born of the Holy Spirit? YES.

**Prayer: Dear God, Thank You SO MUCH for loving us and sending us Your Son, Jesus, to be Emmanuel, God With Us! Because Jesus is GOD and HUMAN, You showed us that You want to save us from our sins. We know with You beside us, we have nothing to fear. You are our comfort, You are our peace, and You are our hope. Help us always to remember that You are ALWAYS WITH US! In Jesus name, AMEN.**