

Immanuel God With Us

Isaiah 7:14 | Participant worksheet | 30–45 minutes

Name _____ Date _____

Judah faces an attack, and King Ahaz is afraid. Isaiah calls the king to trust God. Against this background, God promises a sign to the house of David.

Read and explore

Read Isaiah 7:1–17. Then focus on Isaiah 7:14.

“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin will conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.”

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Word help: Immanuel means God with us. The house of David is David’s royal family. Compare how your Bible translates the description of the mother.

1. Who threatens Judah, and how do Ahaz and his people respond in verses 1–2?

2. What does God tell Ahaz to do in verses 4 and 9? How does Ahaz respond to the invitation to ask for a sign?

3. Who is addressed in verse 13? What sign does God promise in verse 14?

4. What does Immanuel mean? How do verses 15–17 connect the sign with the crisis facing Judah?

Connect and reflect

Read each New Testament passage in your Bible before answering. Notice whether it explicitly quotes the prophecy or develops a related theme.

5. Read Matthew 1:18–25. What does Matthew say about Mary’s pregnancy, and how does he connect Jesus’ birth with Isaiah?

6. Read Luke 1:26–35. What does Gabriel reveal about the child’s conception, identity, and kingdom?

7. Read Matthew 28:18–20. How does Jesus’ final promise echo the theme of God with us?

Study note: Matthew explicitly quotes Isaiah 7:14 and applies it to Jesus’ birth. Read Isaiah’s sign within the crisis facing Ahaz as well as in light of Matthew’s account.

8. How do Isaiah’s setting and Matthew’s explanation together shape your understanding of Immanuel?

9. Where are you tempted to respond to uncertainty with fear? How could this study help you trust God?

10. My main takeaway and an optional prayer

Explore further: Isaiah 8:8–10; John 1:14. How do these passages develop the theme of God’s presence?

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