



UNIT 16 | SESSION 4

## GOD IS PRESENT WITH US

### ISAIAH 7

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God told Isaiah about His plan to send a baby named Immanuel. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us."

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** The Lord your God is with you. Zephaniah 3:17

#### BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God sent Isaiah with a special message for King Ahaz.
- God told Isaiah about His plan to send a baby named Immanuel.
- One of Jesus' names is Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us."

#### BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

Ahaz (AY haz), the king of Judah, was not a good king. King Ahaz made wrong choices and worshiped idols—people and things that were not the one true God. Ahaz heard that one of Judah's cities was going to be attacked. The people were afraid. God sent Isaiah with a message for King Ahaz: "I'm going to protect you. Believe it!" God was going to show His people that He was telling the truth. Isaiah said, "A young girl will have a baby. She will name the baby Immanuel." But Isaiah also said that God would punish Ahaz and the people of Judah for their wrong choices.



## BABIES ACTIVITIES

### LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for babies to handle. Open a Bible to Isaiah 7. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

#### 1 SING A FAMILIAR SONG

Sing to the tune of “Frère Jacques.” If you are unfamiliar with the tune, look it up online before class.

“God is with you. God is with you.

God loves you. God loves you.

God is always with us. God is always with us.

Immanuel. Immanuel.”

**SAY** “ God told Isaiah about His plan to send a baby named Immanuel. One of Jesus’ names is Immanuel. Immanuel means ‘God with us.’ ”

#### 2 TAKE CARE OF BABY DOLLS

Provide soft baby dolls for babies to hold and play with on the floor. Model for the babies how to hold and rock the dolls. Allow time for each baby to hold and pat the baby doll.

**SAY** “ God told Isaiah about His plan to send a baby named Immanuel. Your name is [baby’s name]. One of Jesus’ names is Immanuel. Immanuel means ‘God with us.’ ”

#### 3 NATURE OBJECTS



Bring one of each various nature items (one flower, one branch, one orange, one rock, etc.) to class. Show the babies an item and say, “One flower. There is only one true God.” Show the next item and say, “One branch. There is only one true God.” Continue until you have shown all of the items.

**SAY** “ King Ahaz made wrong choices and worshiped idols—people and things that were not the one true God. God sent Isaiah with a special message for King Ahaz. Our God is the one true God. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



## TODDLER ACTIVITIES

### LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

#### 1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Isaiah 7. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it with you. Pray for the toddlers.

#### 2 TRACE A SPECIAL MESSAGE

Provide toddlers with construction paper and crayons. Lightly print God is with (toddler's name) on each child's paper. Allow toddlers to trace the special message as you read the key passage phrase, "The Lord your God is always with you." Review the Bible story.

**SAY** “ Our key passage phrase says that God is always with us. God told Isaiah about His plan to send a baby named Immanuel. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel. Immanuel means 'God with us.' ”

#### 3 PLAY MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Provide toddlers with musical instruments. Allow them to play as you say, "Immanuel. God with us." Repeat the phrase in various ways with toddlers (loud, soft, slow, fast).

**SAY** “ God loves and protects His people. God showed His people that He was telling the truth by sending Jesus to be with us. A name for Jesus is Immanuel, which means 'God with us.' ”

#### 4 ACT OUT THE STORY

Choose one volunteer to be a "King Ahaz" and another to be "Isaiah." Provide a paper or plastic crown for the king and a rolled-up piece of paper as a scroll for Isaiah. Instruct the other toddlers to pretend to be scared. Play out the Bible story, choosing new volunteers as time permits.

**SAY** “ King Ahaz heard that one of Judah's cities was going to be attacked. The people were afraid. God sent Isaiah with a message for King Ahaz: 'I'm going to protect you. Believe it!' ”

#### 5 TAKE A NATURE WALK



Use strollers or a walking rope to take toddlers on a nature walk according to your church's safety and security guidelines. If a walk outside is not possible, gather pictures from age-appropriate magazines or books containing nature images of items that God made. Point to the things God made and ask, "Do you see that bird? God made the birds. God is with us."

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### 1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: FOLLOW THE KING

Allow toddlers to take turns being "the king." The king will wear a plastic or paper crown and lead the class around the room. Allow each toddler to have a turn to be king. Explain that God protects His people. Review the Bible story.

**SAY** "King Ahaz was not a good king. God sent Isaiah with a special message for King Ahaz: 'I'm going to protect you. Believe it!' God showed His people that He was telling the truth."

### 2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It."

"If God is always with you, say amen. Amen!"

If God is always with you, say amen. Amen!

If God is always with you and shows you that He loves you,

If God is always with you, say amen. Amen!"

**SAY** "Our key passage phrase says, 'The Lord your God is with you.' God told Isaiah about His plan to send a baby named Immanuel. One of Jesus' names is Immanuel. Immanuel means 'God with us.'"

### 3 MAKE A CROWN

Provide toddlers with a strip of construction paper (one per toddler). Allow toddlers to use crayons, stickers, and jewels to decorate their crowns. Staple decorated crowns to fit each child's head. Review the Bible story as toddlers decorate.

**SAY** "Ahaz, the king of Judah, was not a good king. God sent Isaiah with a special message for King Ahaz. Later, God sent a better King—King Jesus—because God loves and protects His people."

### 4 PROTECT YOUR BASKET



Provide inflated balloons (one per toddler) and a basket. Assign one toddler the job of protecting the basket while the other toddlers try to get their balloons into the basket. Choose a new volunteer to be the protector and replay. Play as time permits.

**SAY** "You were protecting the basket from the balloons. God sent Isaiah with a message for King Ahaz: 'I'm going to protect you. Believe it!' God loves and protects His people."

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.