

God With Us

Please read Matthew 1:21-23, Jeremiah 23:24, Proverbs 15:3, Colossians 1:17.

This week in Children's Worship, the kids are learning that God is omnipresent, He is everywhere all the time.

There is a moment in the classic book *Peter Pan* where Peter loses his shadow. What should have remained with Peter is suddenly cut loose by a closing window. Peter Pan is an exceptional character with the ability to lose his shadow. For the rest of us, our shadow silently follows in our footsteps wherever we go.

Much like our shadow, God's presence is always with us. There is nothing we could do or say to cut Him loose from us. He is a God who mysteriously "fills the heavens and the earth" (Jer 23:24) yet dwells within us (2 Corinthians 13:5). There is no mountain high enough, or sea deep enough, to hide us from His presence (Psalm 139:7-10).

He remains present with you wherever you go and through whatever you face. He understands when your boss is unfair. He sees you as you patiently handle each tantrum. He offers grace as you try to serve your spouse and protect your marriage. He grants wisdom with each decision you make. He knows what you need before you even ask.

Our God rejoices with us in the joyful moments of life, and remains constant through the toughest times. He is Immanuel, "God with us."