



Digging Deeper:

In this second week of Advent, we begin by lighting the second Advent candle, the Bethlehem candle. It reminds us that Jesus came to earth in a very specific way... He came at a specific time in history, into a specific culture, born into a specific family, to a specific woman... and He was born in a specific place, a small village a few miles south of Jerusalem.

John 1:14 reminds us ~ *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

Share with each other your story... when did God become real to you? Let that question spark a conversation about Jesus wanting to be in a relationship with us. He specifically came to dwell among us... why? What does that mean to you?*

Activity:

Emmanuel-God with us:

The Birth of a baby: Choose a family member and recall the events of their birth. Perhaps find an ornament given to that person when they were a baby or a few photos to help tell the story.

Jesus too was a baby. God decided to come as an innocent baby. Why do you think he chose to do this? Why might it be important to God that we feel we can approach Him? Share a time when God was touchable and tangible in your life. How can we show Emmanuel (God with us) to those around us?*

**Finding the Treasure in Christmas* by John S. Lewis – Available in the Faith@Home Center