

S.A.F.E. Homes



Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9: 6

The Most Precious Gift

Could you imagine being beat up by someone, your home destroyed, and all your possessions taken away? You would surely pray for God to help you. That is exactly how the Jewish people must have felt as they longed for a Savior. But God had not forgotten His people. He spoke through the prophet Isaiah to reassure them that their Redeemer would come someday.

"His name shall be called Wonderful!" Isaiah proclaimed. But a single word could not adequately describe their rescuer. "Counselor!" he declared, someone they could turn to when they needed guidance. "The Mighty God! The Everlasting Father!" And ultimately, "The Prince of Peace!" For a nation that had experienced so much turmoil, this promise of peace brought hope to their hurting hearts.

As children of God we can claim that same promise today- and so much more! We know that Jesus, our Redeemer, came to earth, died on a cross for our sins, and is preparing a place for us to live with Him forever. In the meantime, He said He would not leave us comfortless, but has given us a new promise, the gift of the Holy Ghost. ***"For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call," (Acts 2: 39).***

This year as you celebrate the Christmas season, don't forget to thank God for the most precious gift of all, the gift of His Spirit inside of you. ***"For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost," Romans 14: 17.***

Family Prayer: *Lord, help me not to get so caught up in the festivities of the season that I forget that the real gift is You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.*

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Looking



Isaiah gave us a few adjectives to describe the coming Messiah. Can you add a few more to the list? See how many ways you can describe Jesus (example: King, Light, Bread, Hope, Salvation, etc.). For added fun, you might design some J-E-S-U-S “Bingo” cards using your descriptions and play a few rounds. Have fun learning more about our Savior!

Let's talk

Do you think it is easy to get caught up in the commercial aspect of Christmas? What can you do as a family to keep Your celebrations at this time centered on Jesus?

Would it be possible to set an extra plate at the table for someone who may be without family this Christmas? Try to seek out someone who would appreciate a hot meal and a warm welcome.

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Additional Challenges

Using Isaiah's description of the Messiah, let's do a search to see how scripture backs up this promise. One example is given for you. Space has been provided for you to add another verse of your choice.

Wonderful:

- "God also bearing them witness, both with _____ and _____, and with divers _____, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Hebrews 2: 4)

- _____

Counselor:

- "Let us therefore come _____ unto the throne of _____, that we may obtain _____, and find grace to _____ in time of _____." (Hebrews 4: 16)

- _____

The Mighty God:

- "Who, being in the _____ of God, thought it not robbery to be _____ with God:" (Philippians 2: 6)

- _____

Everlasting Father:

- "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so _____ with you, and yet hast thou not known _____, Philip? he that hath seen _____ hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?" (John 14: 9)

- _____

Prince of Peace:

- "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." (John 14: 27)

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*Unscramble each of the clue words.
Copy the letters in the numbered cells to other cells with the same number.*

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