“Celebrating The Birth of Christ”
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Matthew 1:18-25
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Introduction:
A. What’s in a ________?
B. The naming of __________ in biblical times was important business.
C. In advance of the ________ of the _____ of God, God himself sent a message to Joseph an Mary about the _________ of the special child.

I. You are to give Him the name “__________.”
A. It is the Greek form of the Jewish name __________.
B. In English, we know it in its biblical form as ____________.
C. It was translated in the Greek O.T. as _____________.
D. It means “Jehovah the _________” or “Jehovah _________ His People.”
E. Jesus came to deliver us from our greatest problem—_______.
   (Isa. 59:2; Rom. 3:23, 6:23; Acts 4:12; Isa. 53:5-6; 2 Cor. 5:21)
F. Jesus is our ________, and oh, how we need ________.

II. Another name they will call Him is “____________.”
A. Immanuel means “________ with ________.”
B. God promised to be with ___________. (Ex. 3:12)
C. God promised to be with _____________. (Josh. 1:5)
D. Jesus promised to be with His ___________________. (Mt. 28:20)
E. Jesus is with us through the __________ _________. (Jn. 14:16-20)
F. Thomas Dorsey went through a difficult time and wrote the song “_________ Lord, Take my _________.
G. Lisa Beamer lost her husband _______ in the United Flight ____
crash that took place on September 11.
   1. Here’s a quote from her book: “Somewhere along the way,
      I stopped demanding that God _____ the problems in my
      life and started to be thankful for his __________ as I
      endured them.”

Conclusion:
A. God’s gift to us in this Season and in every Season is the gift of ________ and __________.

Answer Key:  Intro.: A. Name.  B. children.  C. birth, Son, naming.  I. Jesus.  I.A.
Immanuel.  II.A. God, us.  II.B. Moses.  II.C. Joshua.  II.D. disciples.  II.E. Holy, Spirit.