

# Family Worship Guide

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2021





In Genesis, God instituted the family before He birthed the church. In Deuteronomy 6, Israelites were instructed to train their children to love God with all of their hearts, souls, and strength. They were to make a life dependent on and obedient to God. The main focus of your home and life, whether in the morning or at night, should be a life lived in love for the Lord. As believers, that should be how we see the world and how the world sees us.

We are such busy people, especially in the month of December. Our hope for your family today is that this morning would NOT be a busy morning rushing out anywhere. But instead, a time to rest, remember, respond to God, and rejoice. Please take this incredible opportunity as a family to be intentional for a few minutes to consider the significance of Immanuel, God with Us. How does that affect your family? What does it mean for how you reflect on this past year and prepare for the one to come?



Have everyone answer a few questions for discussion and reflection.

- What has been the most difficult part of this past year for you?
- What are you most hopeful for this coming year?
- How does Immanuel give you rest today as you reflect on these things?





Have everyone read a portion of scripture.

### Isaiah 7:14 (ESV)

14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.

# Matt. 1:20-23 (ESV)

20 But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had spoken by the prophet:

23 "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us).

# John 1:1-2;14 (ESV)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son[d] from the Father, full of grace and truth.

## Rom. 5:18 (ESV)

18 Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. 19 For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.



- Why are you thankful that Jesus was born?
- What does it mean to you?

Sing two songs of Christmas worship.

# Rejoice

- How does Jesus birth give us JOY?
- Explain the difference in JOY and HAPPINESS.

Time of prayer - Let everyone pray a prayer of response to the Word and worship.

