



Growing FAITH at home

FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF ADVENT

YEAR A

Advent is a
season for
celebrating
God's promises



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CONVERSATIONS

Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

1. What does your name mean?
2. A title for Jesus is 'Immanuel' which means 'God with us'. How have you experienced God 'with you' recently?



BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

S	Matthew 1:18-25	Immanuel – God with us
M	Isaiah 7:10-16	Isaiah prophesies the birth of Jesus
T	Luke 1:26-33	An angel appears to Mary
W	Luke 1:39-45	Mary visits Elizabeth
T	Matthew 1:1-17	Jesus' genealogy
F	Luke 2:1-7	The birth of Jesus
S	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	A prayer for restoration

VERSE OF THE WEEK

So the Lord's promise came true, just as the prophet had said, "A virgin will have a baby boy, and he will be called Immanuel," which means 'God is with us.'

MATTHEW 1:22-23





CREATIVE RESPONSE

Many homes and communities prepare special light displays at Christmas time.

Take a household 'Christmas lights tour' of your community one evening this week. As you travel, sing Christmas carols or listen to Christmas music. You may also wish to set up a home Christmas lights display in your front yard or window.



ACTION RESPONSE

Simple acts of kindness can be as good a gift as those bought and wrapped.

Make up 'kindness vouchers' to give to one another as gifts this Christmas.

Each voucher should list a kind deed that is redeemable during the year e.g. a night off the dishes, a bed made, a room cleaned, a massage provided. Have fun thinking of voucher ideas and preparing them for one another!



MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless our table, heavenly Father, and all who sit at it.

As we wait for Jesus' return, give us the gift of sharing with others. Amen.



PRAYER

O come, O come, Immanuel. Please fill us today with your light and grace. Amen.



BLESSING

God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be kind to you and bless you with peace.