



“God With Us Then”

December 6, 2020

Matthew 1:23

Part 1 of “God With Us”

1. Context. (1:18-22)
2. Observe. (v. 23, What does it say?)
3. Interpret. (v. 23, What does it mean?)

“Behold,

the virgin shall conceive ---

and bear a son,

and they shall call his name Immanuel”

(which means God with us).

4. Apply. (v. 23, What does it mean for me?)

Activity and Discussion for Families

Try your own One Verse Study. You can do it with Matthew 1:23, or pick your own verse. (If available, a big piece of paper or white board is best.)

Use specific colors for each step - observe (what does it say), interpret (what does it mean) and apply (what does it mean for me).

Discussion Questions

Dig Deeper: Grab a good study Bible that has notes, a concordance, or a cross-reference system and study ideas, words, and themes from this passage deeper.

Read Matt. 1:18-22.

What do we learn about Joseph from his handling of the situation? How might you have handled it?

What was significant about Joseph giving Jesus his name? And what is significant about the name?

What are some other places in the Bible where names carried extra meaning?

Share your observations and interpretations from Matthew 1:23. Was anything new or particularly interesting to you this time studying it?

- What's the difference between interpreting a verse and applying it?

Why was each detail of Jesus' birth essential to his role as savior of the world?

- Born of a virgin
- A son
- Called "Immanuel"

Why is it significant (what does it mean for us) that Matthew translates "Immanuel"?

Heavenly Father, thank you for your Son. Thank you for telling us in your word what you were going to do, so that seeing it done, we know we can trust your future promises too. Thank you for your word, translated for us to read and know you. Lord, keep our eyes on you this holiday season. Keep our priorities on you, letting the world know what you have done, what you are doing and what you will do for those who accept your free gift of grace. Amen.