

Pictures of Jesus

The Name Immanuel



When Jesus was born, God was really with us on earth. God, however, has always been with us and showering us with His love. Jesus is with us today just as He was when He walked the earth as a man.

Matthew 1:23 | “All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son and they will call him Immanuel - which means, ‘*God with us.*’”

At first you may be confused by the Bible passage above. The baby was named Jesus and not Immanuel. What does this mean?

The name Immanuel is a picture of Jesus that the prophet Isaiah saw. Isaiah did not say that the child would be named Immanuel but that we will call him Immanuel. Immanuel means "God with us" and that is what Jesus really is. Jesus is God who came down from heaven to live with us in order to earn the forgiveness of our sins. When you think of it that way, the name Immanuel is a good way to think of Jesus.

Our sins were so great that we could not save ourselves from them. It would take far more than we could ever do to save us. God the Father knew this and He sent His Son Jesus to live with us. Jesus never sinned even once while He lived on earth. Jesus then offered Himself as a sacrifice for all of our sins when He died on the cross. This was a great enough sacrifice to earn the forgiveness of all of our sins. It took the blood of our Lord and God, Jesus to wash away our sins.

The name Immanuel does not end with what Jesus did for us long ago. Jesus is always with us every day of our lives. God is always with us to watch over us and protect us and help us in times of trouble. All we have to do is ask for help and God listens to us.

Immanuel means "God with us." God is with us until the day we go to heaven and then we will be with God for eternity. That is a beautiful picture, isn't it?

PRAYER TIME

We thank you Jesus for being with us all our lives. Thank You for watching over us and helping us when we have troubles. Your love will never leave us alone and one day we will be with You in heaven. Amen