

Jesus Is God with Us

Keep these ideas in mind as you study **Unit 2, Session 7**.

An Infancy Narrative is a Gospel account concerning the infancy and childhood of Jesus. In Matthew's Infancy Narrative, an angel addresses Joseph as the "son of David."

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God is always present. He speaks to us in many ways, including through Scripture, through other people, and through our thoughts, ideas, feelings, memories, and desires. It is important for us to listen with our heart.

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The name *Jesus*, which means "God saves," is the English version of the Greek for the Hebrew name *Yeshua*. When the angel tells Mary that her child will be named Jesus, it is the first time that the words *sin* and *save* appear in the New Testament in a meaningful way.

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The Mass is the "source and summit" of our spiritual life. The Mass is the perfect environment to communicate with God. The Lord is present through the priest, the Scriptures, and the Holy Eucharist, as well as in the people gathered.

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Jesus' birth fulfills the words of the prophet Isaiah. The name *Emmanuel* represents the new covenant between God and his people.

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The Bible tells different ways that God speaks to people. God's voice seems to come from a burning bush when he first encounters Moses. God speaks to us through mystery and in miracles.

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The title *Emmanuel* is a key statement of faith: God is with us. Matthew's Gospel emphasizes that Jesus is present wherever two or three are gathered in his name.

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A monstrance is a vessel that people pray before as they adore the presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Adoration is the act of giving reverence to God and includes one's body, mind, and soul.

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The prophet Isaiah teaches us that God knows each of us by name. We belong to him. God always seeks a loving communication with us.

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God created you with unique talents, personality, and characteristics to be able to serve and be his voice and hands in the world.

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