

The Incarnation

A couple of weeks ago before Christmas, we learned that one of Jesus' names is **Emmanuel**. Can anyone remember what that name means? (*wait for someone to raise their hand to share*) It means "**God with us**". From this, we learned that Jesus, the Son of God, came to earth as a baby, and that He was God in the flesh.

Another big word for this extraordinary event is the "**Incarnation**". The Incarnation teaches us an important truth about Jesus Christ: that **He was fully God, and fully Man**. (*Ask students to repeat this truth after you! "Jesus was fully God, and fully Man"*)

So, what was the purpose for God sending His Son, Jesus down to earth? Let's listen to what God's Word has to say about this!

(*Have some older students volunteer to read the following verses on **square** pieces of paper*)

John 1:10-12 NIRV

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Galatians 4:4-5 NLT

But when the right time came, God sent his Son, born of a woman, subject to the law. God sent him to buy freedom for us who were slaves to the law, so that he could adopt us as his very own children.

Hebrews 2:14-15 NLT

Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

(*Have younger students volunteer to read the following words on the circle shaped pieces of paper – with the help of an older student*)

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- 2.) God was sad because people sinned.
- 3.) Jesus was God's perfect sacrifice to pay for our sins.
- 4.) God sent his Son Jesus as a Savior for you and me.

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