



Christmas at EastLake

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She will give birth to a son,
and they will call him Immanuel,
which means ‘God is with us.’”*

Matthew 1:18-23 (NLT)

- The Promise is _____.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:14 (NRSVA)

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John 1:10-11 (NLT)

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And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12 (NIV)

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John 12:46 (NCV)

“You are the light of the world...In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 5:14, 16 (ESV)

Discussion Questions

1. Are there specific things that you do around Christmas to specifically remember Jesus' birth? If so, what are those traditions and how are they meaningful to you?
2. What does it mean to be “the light of the world”? How can you be the light of the world this Christmas?
3. How can you share the hope of Jesus with others this weekend?

Recommended Resources

- [Promises Made Promises Kept: A Family Devotional for Christmas by Marty Machowski](#)
- [Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ, by Tim Keller](#)
- [Let Earth Receive Her King: Daily Readings for Advent, by Alistair Begg](#)
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