



Sunday, December 20, 2020
Fourth Week of Advent: Liberation
Isaiah 43:1-7, 19



What's the Big Idea?

God is about to do a new thing — Emmanuel, or *God with us*, is coming! When God is with us, we don't have to be afraid! That is good, good news!
Emmanuel is a comforting name that means "God with us."



Advent Song

Each week of Advent, we'll sing a verse from hymn #240, *Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah*.

This week's verse—
*Light four candles to watch for
Messiah: let the light banish darkness.
He is coming, tell the glad tidings.
Let your light be shining.*



Talk About It

Enjoy time of curiosity and conversation with a trusted grown up:

1. Are there times that you have ever felt afraid? What was it like? What brought you comfort when you were afraid?
2. Sometimes, change and new things can make us feel uncertain or nervous. Share about a time you experienced a new thing but in the end, it really wasn't so bad after all!
3. Before Jesus, the world had never known a love so amazing. What are some ways that we can tell or show others about the amazing love of Jesus?
4. Emmanuel means *God with us*. Does your name have a special meaning?

Live It Together

The Good News of God is with us!

Isaiah 43 has so many words of comfort reminding us that God is with us. Pick out your favorite lines from Isaiah 43 to write out as little notes of comfort to hide around the house for each other. Include a picture or doodle for younger readers and/or non-readers in the house that help identify the line. When you find a note, be comforted with the words of God's love and then re-hide the note for someone else to find! See the back page for suggested lines to use with pictures to include.



Pray: O God, you comfort us in times of trouble, you strengthen us in moments of weakness, you encourage us in times of loss. You light the way when we cannot see. Thank you for your son, Jesus, who came to be with us and show us just how much you love us. Amen.

Memorize It

Have a grown up help you send a video of yourself saying this week's memory verse to Sarah to have a sticker added by your name on the Memory Verse Star Chart! Sarah sends a prize when 10 stars reached!

**Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
Isaiah 43:1b**

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Isaiah 43 Words of Comfort

The Bible is full of words to help bring us comfort and remind us that God is with us. Circle the lines from Isaiah 43 that you like best! You can even circle them all!

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you.



When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.



You are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you.



Do not fear, for I am with you.

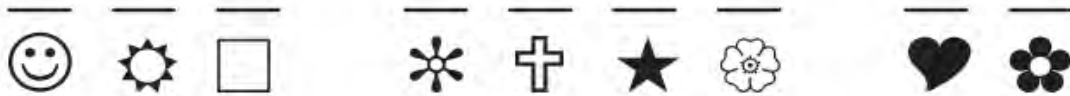


I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the dessert.



Good News!

The prophet, Isaiah, brought good news to God's people. Isaiah said that God would send a sign, called Emmanuel, to bring the people peace. Crack this code to figure out what "Emmanuel" means!



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