



# Growing FAITH at home

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FOURTH SUNDAY  
OF ADVENT

ADVENT IS A  
SEASON FOR  
CELEBRATING  
GOD'S  
PROMISES



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## CONVERSATIONS

*Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:*

1. What does your name mean?
2. Do you know why it was chosen for you?



## BIBLE READINGS

*Read the following Bible readings throughout this week.  
Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.*

1st reading

**Isaiah 7:10-16**  
Isaiah prophesies  
the birth of Jesus

2nd reading

**Romans 1:1-7**  
Obedience comes  
from faith

Gospel reading

**Matthew 1:18-25**  
Immanuel – God  
with us

## DISCUSS

A title for Jesus is 'Immanuel' which means 'God with us'. How have you experienced God 'with you' recently?



### ACTION RESPONSE

Simple acts of kindness can be a wonderful gift. Make up 'kindness vouchers' to give to one another as gifts this Christmas. Each voucher should list a kind deed that is redeemable during the year e.g. a night off the dishes, a bed made, a room cleaned, a massage provided. Have fun thinking of voucher ideas and preparing them for one another!



### MEALTIME PRAYER

Bless our table, heavenly Father, and all who sit at it. As we wait for Jesus' return, give us the gift of sharing with others. Amen.



### PRAYER

O come, O come, Immanuel.  
Please fill us today with your light and grace.  
Amen.



### BLESSING

May God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ be kind to you and bless you with peace.

SO THE LORD'S PROMISE CAME TRUE, JUST AS THE PROPHET HAD SAID, "A VIRGIN WILL HAVE A BABY BOY, AND HE WILL BE CALLED IMMANUEL," WHICH MEANS 'GOD IS WITH US.'

MATTHEW 1:22-23

VERSE OF THE WEEK

