



# CHRISTMAS AT GRACE DEVOTIONAL

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**Discussion Starter:** What is your favorite name for Jesus in the Bible? Why?

**Key Passage:** *“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”* (Isaiah 9:6)

In today’s lesson, we’ll look at several of the birth names and titles of Jesus as foretold in the Old Testament. These prophesied birth names and titles help us understand better who Jesus is and His life-changing ministries to us.

- ***Immanuel***

*“Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”* (Isaiah 7:14)

The prophet Isaiah, who lived 700 years before Christ—prophesied that a child would be born and called “Immanuel” as a sign to King Ahaz, the king of Judah, that God was with Judah and would deliver them from attacks by Israel and Syria. But the prophecy had a second meaning as well: in the distant future, a child named Immanuel would be born, and this child would be Israel’s Messiah.

Sure enough, 700 years after King Ahaz, a virgin from Nazareth named Mary miraculously conceived a child through the Holy Spirit. Her fiancé, Joseph, was visited by an angel to confirm that Mary had, indeed, conceived a child through the Holy Spirit (Matthew 1:20-21). The angel instructed that when the child was born, they were to name Him Jesus. The Gospel writer, Matthew, understood that this was the fulfillment of Isaiah’s prophecy (see Matthew 1:22-23). Jesus—God manifested in the flesh—became human and dwelled among us so He could reveal God to us.

**Discuss:** What does the fact that God is always with you mean to you personally?

Isaiah 9:6 prophesied five special birth names of Jesus. Let’s take a look at them:

- ***Wonderful***

First, a wonder is something marvelous or spectacular. Jesus worked miracles that left the recipient and observers a feeling of wonder (Mt.15:31; Mk.6:51; Lk.4:22). Further, a wonder is also something that is mysterious or secret. Even after studying the prophetic birth names of Jesus, there is still an element of mystery that will always remain. Finally, that which is wonderful is separated from the common and belongs to the majestic—it falls in a class all by itself far above the common or ordinary. Jesus is certainly set apart from the common man as wonderful.

**Discuss:** What makes Jesus so wonderful to you personally?

- **Counselor**

In ancient Israel, a counselor was portrayed as a wise king giving guidance to his people (1 Kings 4:34). Jesus is the wisest of all counselors (Jn.2:25). In Him is “*hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge*” (Col.2:3).

**Discuss:** When have you benefited from Jesus’ ministry as Counselor?

- **Mighty God**

The Bible is clear about the divine nature of the Lord Jesus Christ (Jn.1:1-14; Php.2:6-7). “*In Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form*” (Col.2:9). Jesus gave evidence to back up His claim to deity through fulfilling hundreds of Old Testament messianic prophecies against astronomical odds (Luke 24:27), living a sinless life attested to by all who encountered Him (Hebrews 4:15), and working miracles as only God could (John 14:11), including the greatest miracle of rising from the dead (Romans 1:4).

**Discuss:** How would you go about trying to persuade a nonbeliever who says, “Jesus is no different from any other religious leader”?

- **Everlasting Father**

This prophesied birth name of Jesus is used here in the sense of a “founding father.” People will talk about the founding fathers of a country, meaning those who were the pioneers of an idea and gave birth to the movement or nation. In this sense, Jesus is the founding father of eternity—the “everlasting Father”—existing before it began and bringing time and history into existence.

**Discuss:** Read John 17:3. How does a relationship with Jesus affect your hopes for today, tomorrow, and eternity?

- **Prince of Peace**

As the Prince of Peace, Jesus can meet the deepest need in the human heart – that of peace with God, with himself, and with others around him (Romans 5:1; Ephesians 2:13; Colossians 1:20; Philippians 4:9).

**Discuss:** Read John 14:27. In what ways is the peace Jesus provides different from the so-called peace the world offers?

**Discuss:** When have you experienced the Lord’s peace in your life?

**For Further Study:**

“50 Names and Titles of Jesus: Who the Bible Says He is” article at [www.crosswalk.com](http://www.crosswalk.com)

“Why is the Virgin Birth So Important?” article at [www.gotquestions.org](http://www.gotquestions.org)

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