

# Christmas NAMES

**SUMMARY** | Names have significance. They often carry with them dreams, hopes, or aspirations of a parent for their child and his or her future. This was especially true in the Bible, as names often carried great meaning—and nowhere is that more true than in the names of Jesus.

In Matthew and Luke we hear the names by which Jesus would be identified on earth: Immanuel (God with us) and Jesus (the Lord saves). But, in Isaiah 9:6 we discover four other names for Jesus that we associate with Christmastime—names that can bring us comfort and hope every day of the year.

## This Week's Discussion Questions

1. Read Isaiah 9:6. Which of the four names do you find the most helpful to you at this moment? Why?
2. Focus on the name “Wonderful Counselor.” How does this title reflect the wisdom that Jesus displayed in His ministry on earth, and how is that wisdom available to us for the challenges of life?
3. Consider the name “Mighty God.” Aside from the miracles He performed during His earthly ministry, what are some ways that Jesus’ power is described in the Bible?
4. How can the one who is the Son of God be called the “everlasting Father”? How might this title make sense by focusing more on the everlasting aspect of it?

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## Challenge



Whatever you are facing or will face in life, Jesus is sufficient to meet your needs. For times of confusion, He is a Wonder of a Counselor. For times of weakness, He is our God of Might. In times of sickness or death, He is the Father of Forever. For times of stress or distress, He is the Prince of Peace. Choose which name applies to your need today and thank Him for who He is.

## Commit To Memory



“For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace”

Isaiah 9:6 NASB

## Prayer



God of rescue, I thank You for sending Your Son to be my all in all—my source of wisdom, power, eternity, and peace. This Christmas, help me to not merely celebrate the season, but to honor Him with all my heart, mind, soul, and strength.

Amen.

