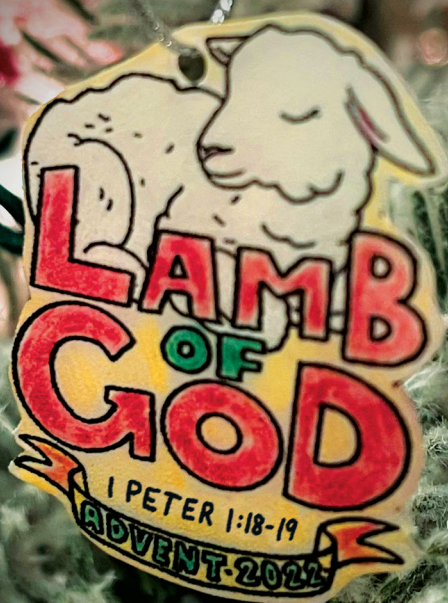


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Names have meaning. We have first, middle and last names. Oftentimes our first and middle names are family names – given to us in honor of a loved one. Sometimes our names indicate something that our parents wanted for us, or hoped we would exhibit when we grew up. Our last names identify the family we belong to.

Likewise in the Bible, children were given very specific names that contained meaning, either about what God had done or what was hoped for that child.

We know from reading the Bible that Jesus was given many names. Each name communicates very specific meanings to describe His attributes. We also know that the Bible is totally, completely true and without error, so we can be confident that the names of Jesus will always have the same meaning.

This Advent season we are going to focus on five names of Jesus. These names are found in both the Old and New Testaments - a reminder that the Bible is one interconnected book, not individual, unrelated stories. One of the themes in our Christmas Concert will be Jesus' humility. We hope Advent will be a time where you will meditate on who Jesus is - fully God and fully man and what it means that He came to earth to carry out God's plan for our salvation.

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Each week's song comes from our *Songs of Immanuel Hymnal* available for purchase at the IBC Bookstore.

# Week 1: *The Word*

**READ:** Genesis 1:26; John 1: 1-3; John 1:14

**BRING IT HOME:** Jesus is part of the Trinity, (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit) which means that although Jesus is separate from God the Father and the Holy Spirit, He is equal with Them. In Genesis, Jesus the Word, was at creation, working with the Father and the Holy Spirit to speak the universe into existence! Talk about how The Word, who was at creation, came to earth to be born as a little baby.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Using an entire roll (or half of a roll) of foil to create as perfect a tin foil ball as you can. How long does this take you to do? Talk about God speaking creation into existence as you work to create a simple ball.

**LISTEN/SING:** *One True God* - Songs of Immanuel #22

**PRAY:** Thank God for who He is - Creator, Holy, Loving, Light of Life, Eternal and Never-Changing.

# Week 2: *King of Glory*

**READ:** Psalm 24:7-10; 1 Corinthians 2:8

**BRING IT HOME:** In the Old Testament, the glory of God dwelled among the nation of Israel. In fact, the tabernacle, where God was, was placed right in the middle of the Israelite encampment as they traveled in the wilderness. Jesus is called the King of Glory and He holds all the same privileges as God the Father. Yet we know that He put aside all of those rights to come into our world and dwell among us. Talk about how Jesus came as a sacrifice but one day will return as the conquering king, the King of Glory. How will His second coming be different from when He was born?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Make cut-out Christmas cookies in the shape of a crown. Talk about Jesus as the King of Glory described in Psalm 24.

**LISTEN/SING:** *All Glory Be to Christ* - Songs of Immanuel #121

**PRAY:** Thank God for sending Jesus, our King of Glory, to live among us.

# Week 3: *Son of Man*

**READ:** Psalm 8; Matthew 26:64; Mark 10:45; John 1:51; Hebrews 2:5-9

**BRING IT HOME:** Jesus is described as *the* Son of Man over 80 times in the New Testament. (This is different from the references we see in the Bible to a son of man.) When Jesus is called the Son of Man, it means that He is the human embodiment of God or God in flesh. Talk about how Jesus coming to earth fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies, including those that described His death and resurrection.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Make a felt or paper garland with the words "The Son of Man" on it. Hang it in a place so you remember that the Son of Man came to give His life as a ransom for many.

**LISTEN/SING:** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* - Songs of Immanuel #57

**PRAY:** Thank God that He sent Jesus, the Son of Man to earth as a perfect sacrifice to pay for our sin.

# Week 4: *I Am*

**READ:** Exodus 3:14; John 8:58

**BRING IT HOME:** In Exodus, God spoke to Moses and called Himself “I Am.” The name I Am tells us about the eternal, self-sufficient God. No one made God and He has always existed, even before the beginning of time. Talk about why Jesus calling himself “I Am” made the religious leaders of that day very angry. Were those leaders right to be angry? Why or why not?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Go outside into the cold and say the name Yahweh and try to make it as quiet and breathy as possible. What do you see in the cold air? Talk about how God, who is the originator of existence, breathes life into all of us. Think about what it was like for Jesus, I Am, to grow up among the people He created.

**LISTEN/SING:** *Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery* - Songs of Immanuel #69

**PRAY:** Thank God for being the originator of life, for breathing life into us. Thank Him for Jesus, who is I Am in human form.

## Christmas Eve: *Lamb of God*

**READ:** Isaiah 53:7; John 1:29; 1 Peter 1:18-21; Hebrews 9:11-12

**BRING IT HOME:** In Leviticus 4-6, Moses instructs the Israelites how to offer sacrifices for their intentional and unintentional sin at the temple. They sacrificed imperfect animals every day, year after year, but that was not enough to take away their sins. Jesus, the Lamb of God was the perfect sacrifice for sin. His death fully satisfied God’s righteous wrath. Talk about how long it must have taken the Israelites to offer daily sacrifices. Why was Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross considered “once for all?”

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Make oversized pom poms using wool yarn. As you wrap your yarn, talk about the characteristics of a sheep. Do we have these same character qualities? How is Jesus, the Lamb of God, different from us? Put the pom poms in a bowl or basket to remind you of the Lamb of God.

**LISTEN/SING:** *How Deep The Father’s Love for Us* - Songs of Immanuel #53

**PRAY:** Thank God for sending Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sins!

