

READ IT

This week's Bible story is
A Child Called Immanuel

from Isaiah 7:10-17.

Share God's word everywhere; you cannot predict listeners' responses.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Isaiah
- Ahaz
- Sheol
- Immanuel
- Curds
- Honey

Immanuel is a comforting name that means "God is with us."

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 168-171

Spark NRSV Bible page 742

Family Prayer

Dear God, it can be so hard to let go of our fears and trust you, but you are always with us. Thank you for the prophets and the signs that remind us of your patience and the grace you offer. In Jesus' name. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 When have you felt afraid?
- 2 What was King Ahaz afraid of? Why didn't he want a sign from God?
- 3 What were the two meanings of Isaiah's prophecy?
- 4 Work together to make up a name or a sign that your family can use to remember that God is always with you.



Eye Spark

Look around your room, house, and neighborhood: what do you see that reminds you of God's presence?



Ear Spark

Isaiah spoke to Ahaz for God. Who talks to you about God?

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Ahaz was afraid Judah was going to be conquered. Get together with one or two other families and play a friendly game of Capture the Flag. Who will be victorious?

For younger kids

Play a game with your stuffed animals or action figures. Act as God's prophet and deliver important messages to "the people."

For older kids

List 10 examples of people with power or authority—like Ahaz—relying on a source of strength other than God.



All Kids, A Child Called Immanuel Family Page.

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