

For Unto Us...A Child is Born: Special Delivery

Reflect

1. Reflect on times when God has been faithful to you.
2. Think about a time when you felt great joy in anticipation of something.
3. What does it mean that God is with us?

Read Your Bible

- Isaiah 9:6
- Psalm 34:15-19
- Matthew 1:22-23

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Matthew 1:23 says that "they will call Him Immanuel" (which means, "God with us"). What does it mean that God is with us?
2. How do the words *for unto us* change the words *a child is born* for your life?
3. During this season, how have you experienced that Jesus was born *for you*?
4. Describe a time when God asked you to do something challenging. How did you respond?
5. Mary said "yes" to the call God placed on her life when she carried Jesus. What is God calling you and asking you to say "yes" to?
6. What are some things in your life that you have wanted deliverance from?
7. Psalm 34 says that "God delivers [believers] from all their troubles." How have you seen God as your deliverer?

Conclusion

“For unto us a child is born” (Isaiah 9:6a). *Unto us...*those are powerful words. Every child born is a gift, loved and cherished by God, but this child is even more than that. This child is a special delivery, born on our behalf to fulfill God’s promises of saving us from the bondage of sin and death. This child, delivered in a manger, would grow to overpower darkness, sin, and death becoming our Savior and Deliverer. He is “God with us” (Matthew 1:23), born in a unique place and uniquely set apart *for us*. It is comforting to know that God is with us whether that means helping us through something challenging right now, or conquering death for us so that we can spend eternity with Him. God promised that he would send a Savior to free us from the bondage of sin, and by sending his Son, Jesus, He surely delivered. “For unto us a child is born” (Isaiah 9:6a).

Pray

Heavenly Father, we realize we are born into a broken world, in bondage to sin that we cannot free ourselves from. We need a Savior. Thank you for loving us so much that You would send a child, Your Son Jesus, *unto us* to be our Savior. In this season, please help us to believe he is *for us*. Help us to turn to You when we face challenges remembering that You are with us. Thank you for the gift and special delivery of your Son, Jesus. It is in His Name we pray. Amen