



Wonderful Counsellor

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Wonderful Counsellor - Matthew 1:18-23

MAIN IDEA

A counsellor is someone who you can turn to for advice and for help with your problems. A counsellor is there for you. Jesus is our wonderful counsellor; he is there for us - Always. Jesus is God with us.

MEMORY VERSE

For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given,
and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called
**Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

Isaiah 9:6

SIMPLE PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for being our Wonderful Counsellor and always being there for us when we need you. Amen

SONGS

<https://youtu.be/tkGhCcF6FnY>

<https://youtu.be/GmzOtBjbRDQ>

LESSON

Read Scripture reference

So in this story, Joseph needed counsel. He needed some advise! He didn't know what to do. He Loved Mary and was going to marry her but He wasn't sure if he should or not.

But - God was there for Him. God gave Joseph a dream and in the dream an Angel told Him that Mary's baby was special, that He would be **Immanuel - "God with us"!**

Joseph was nervous and afraid, but he accepted the angel's advice. He married Mary, and he became the earthly father to our own Wonderful Counsellor.

Jesus lives in the hearts of all believers through the Holy Spirit. Any time, day or night, if we need advice, we can pray. The Wonderful Counsellor will hear us and guide us to make the right choice.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.

19 Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly.

20 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

22 All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

23 "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel"(which means "God with us").

MAKE IT STICK!

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week:



A counsellor is someone who you can turn to for advice, for a shoulder to lean on, for help with your problems. A counsellor is there for you. Jesus is our wonderful counsellor; he is there for us. Jesus is God with us. Isaiah 9:6-7, A Child Is Born & Matthew 1:18-23, Immanuel

HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:



Tell your kids about some special people who have given you good counsel and advice. Then ask them what things make Jesus the Wonderful Counsellor?

AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:



What names did Isaiah give to Jesus?

What does Immanuel mean, and why is this also a name for Jesus?

What good advice did the angel give Joseph?

AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:



"And he will be called: Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6b (NIV)

PARENT TIME:

What you need to know:



Jesus is God with us. He is always there for us, and He truly is a Wonderful Counsellor. When your kids have questions or problems, pray with them. Ask the Wonderful Counsellor to share His wisdom.

A child is born to us, a son is given to us,
and authority will be on his shoulders.

He will be named; Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of

Peace. ISAIAH 9:6-7

Find a small box that has a lid that can open and decorate it or wrap it in Christmas wrapping paper.

Print out the verse and cut along the dotted lines and glue the verse into one long strip.

Concertina fold the verse and use sticky tape to fix the end of the verse onto the bottom of the inside of the box you decorated.

When you open up the box you can be reminded that we need to keep unbox the message of hope in Jesus at Christmas



An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. He said, "Do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. She will have a Son, and you will name Him Jesus."

Joseph's Dream

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