

A WORD FOR CHRISTMAS

(Is 7:14/Matt 1:23)

God's Christmas word is a gift that keeps on giving

What is the source of the word?

Hebrew	=	IMMA	+	NU	+	EL
English	=	<i>with</i>		<i>us</i>		<i>God</i>

Isaiah 7:14—*Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

Matthew 1:23—*The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel (which means "God with us").*

In what sense is God with us?

- **God is PRESENT with us**—His PRESENCE provides COMFORT
- **God PARTICIPATES with us**—His PARTICIPATION provides HOPE
- **God PARTNERS with us**—His PARTNERSHIP provides SECURITY

The word reminds us of His presence, participation, and partnership

Emmanuel, God with Us

(Amy Grant)

We dim the light, we stoke the fire, we breathe the evergreen
 Young ones wait while the old ones make up tales of how it used to be
 China dolls, candy corn, painted wooden toys
 Treasures found to the wondrous sound
 Of caroling, the Savior born to us on Christmas morn

Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel
 Emmanuel, God with us, the Son of Israel

And still He calls through the night, beyond the days of old
 A voice of peace to the weary ones who struggle with the human soul
 All of us, travelers through a given time
 Who can know what tomorrow holds
 But over the horizon surely you and I will find

Emmanuel, God with us, Emmanuel
 Emanuel, God with us, the Son of Israel

And the years they come and the years they go
 Though we may forget somehow
 That the Child once born in Bethlehem
 Is still among us now

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