God With Us

[Matthew 1:18-25](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+1%3A18-25&version=ESV)

Key Verse 23

“Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).

V. 18-19

1. Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. What does this reveal about God’s salvation plan?
2. What kind of a man was Joseph? What did Joseph plan to do when he discovered that Mary was pregnant?

V. 20

1. What happened to Joseph as he considered these things? What can this teach us about considering and being slow to act?
2. What did the angel say to Joseph? How did the angel’s direction help Joseph and his family to be with God?
3. How did the angel address Joseph? Why?
4. Was Joseph's original intention reasonable? According to verse 20, what was the reason Joseph wanted to divorce Mary?

V. 21-23

1. What was the child’s name to be called? Why?
2. What does the phrase "he will save us from their sins" tell us about the condition of man?
3. Why is Jesus (God saves) also called by a second name Immanuel (God with us)?

V. 24-25

1. What did Joseph do when he woke up? What role did Joseph’s obedience play in bringing Jesus into this world?
2. Why do you think the birth of Jesus happened in this way?