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## MIGHTY GOD

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ISAIAH 9:6

### **GETTING STARTED**

Christmas always seems to come with contradictions. It's the darkest part of the year yet it can also be the brightest with all the lights. It can be a stressful time of year yet full of peaceful moments. And yet the biggest seeming contradiction is that the God who rules the universe is born as a helpless child, born in a manger. Whether or not Isaiah fully understood the extent of what he was talking about, he certainly knew that this coming child would be God himself. Isaiah tells the people of Israel that they would know their salvation is here when this child is born who would be called Mighty God. This is not a title that was given out freely, the third commandment was specifically given to stop anyone from taking on the name of the LORD in vain. Yet what we see in Christmas is the coming child would be God in his strength and his might!

### **READ THE TEXT: ISAIAH 9:6**

<sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born, to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.



## **UNDERSTAND THE TEXT**

1. What is the significance in Isaiah of a child being born? (look at 7:10-17, 8:3-4)  
Is the child talked about in 9:6 Isaiah's child or Jesus? What clues from the text point towards this being fulfilled in Jesus?
  - a. Remember – prophecy is often fulfilled first in the prophet's lifetime and then a greater fulfilment in Jesus
2. What does the term "Mighty" refer to in the Bible? What does it tell us about who God is? (ex. Ps 50:1-3, Jer 32:17-19, 1 Peter 5:6)

## **APPLY THE TEXT**

3. How should we react to Jesus being that he is the Mighty God? Does this change how we view or talk about Him?
4. How can we show others the great works of God during this Christmas season?

## **SHARE & PRAY**

1. As we walk through the Advent season, take time to work through our Advent guide and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus.
2. This has been a different year than what we expected, so let's take some time to pray and share the light of the gospel in a dark season. Pray that God would put on display his mighty power to save this season!

