



# Advent

## Trust in Christ- More than Lip Service

December 13 & 14, 2016

### Small Group Activity

Reflect upon the quote and picture.  
Think about and share with those sitting with you a time your faith was severely tested- what emotions did you experience? What questions did you ask regarding God? What happened?

### Large Group Activity

Read Isaiah Ch. 7 & Matt. 1: 18-25

### Tale of Two Disciples- Ahaz and Joseph

#### Ahaz

- Ahaz is \_\_\_\_\_ king whose reign was marked by \_\_\_\_\_ . Read 2 Chronicles 28: 1-4.
- The event/conversations of Isaiah Ch. 7 took place in \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ahaz was having problems with \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- The Lord tries to \_\_\_\_\_ Ahaz by sending Isaiah & his son, Shear-Yashuv; name means “a \_\_\_\_\_ will \_\_\_\_\_.”
- Underlying the conversation is God’s unconditional promise to \_\_\_\_\_ that his \_\_\_\_\_ would be established forever. (2 Samuel 7: 12-17)
- Ahaz misquotes \_\_\_\_\_ to cover his unwillingness to \_\_\_\_\_ God; he will trust his nation’s fate in the hands of \_\_\_\_\_ king- Tiglath-Pileser III.
- Isaiah speaks prophecy of \_\_\_\_\_ on Ahaz, while speaking promise to the \_\_\_\_\_ of David, using the word \_\_\_\_\_ in the plural, vs. 14.

#### Joseph

- Mary was \_\_\_\_\_ to Joseph; however, she had no \_\_\_\_\_ relations with him. Betrothal was a \_\_\_\_\_ status requiring a certificate of \_\_\_\_\_ to break.
- Joseph shows his \_\_\_\_\_ in how he will deal with Mary.
- As with Ahaz, God sends a \_\_\_\_\_ to encourage him and challenge him to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Angel addresses Joseph as son of \_\_\_\_\_, hinting that the promises given David are being fulfilled. Name the child \_\_\_\_\_, the Hebrew \_\_\_\_\_ meaning God’s salvation.
- The angel quotes \_\_\_\_\_, the Septuagint includes the word translated \_\_\_\_\_.
- The child will be called Immanuel, which means, “God with us.” This term is reinforced in \_\_\_\_\_ final words recorded by Matthew in Ch. \_\_\_\_\_.
- Joseph, in contrast to \_\_\_\_\_, demonstrates meaningful \_\_\_\_\_ . He obeys.
- The obedience is seen in three acts of Joseph:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Personal Activity

- Read Hebrews 11: 1-3 as you contemplate the two pictures on the sheet. What do they tell you about faith in our Faithful God?
- Trust in Christ- More than Lip Service. Reflect upon that which God is allowing you to face. Take time in prayer- repenting, thanking God for those He sends to you, and asking for strength to respond with trust and obedience.
- Read Hebrews 10:19-25, 32-39 as encouragement for trusting.

