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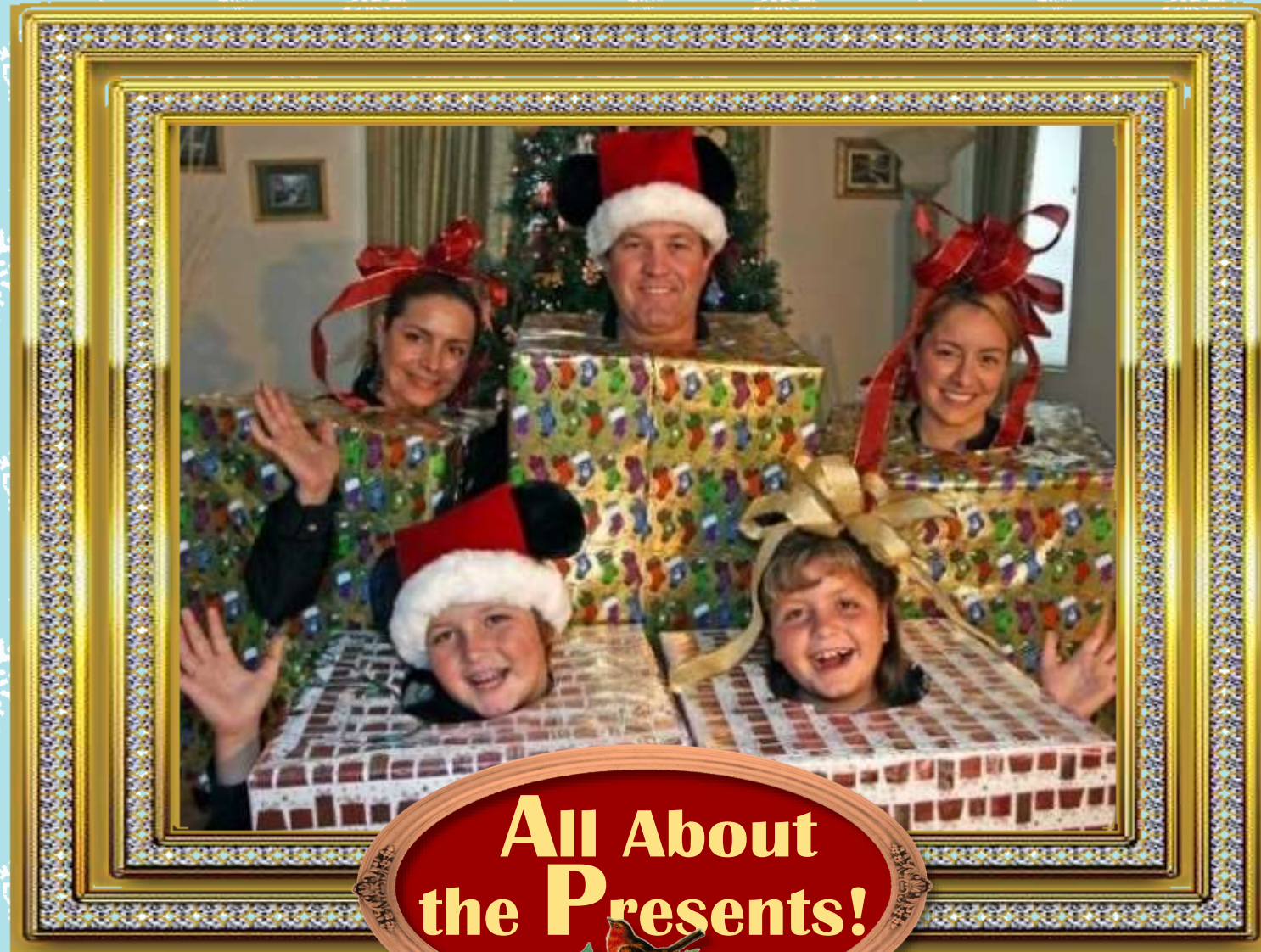
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# All About the Presence!





**Isaiah 7:14** The Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means ‘God with us’).

**Matthew 1:23** “Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, which means ‘God is with us’.”

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**Immanu - El = (With us) (God)**



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**John 1:14** So the  
Word became human  
and made his home  
among us...

# Jesus Is With Me In My World



**John 1:10-12 He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.**





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# **Jesus Is With Me In My World**

***“GOD WITH US” MEANS JESUS  
LOVED YOU ENOUGH TO  
LEAVE HIS PLACE OF GLORY  
BEHIND AND MAKE YOUR  
SURROUNDINGS HIS HOME.***

# Jesus Is With Me In My World



**Philippians 2:6-7**

**Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a servant and was born as a human being.**



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# **Jesus Is With Me In My World**

**KENOSIS = A Self-Emptying**



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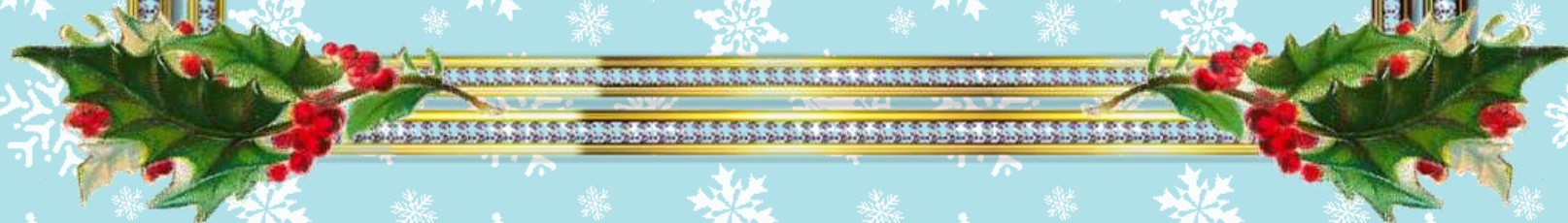
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# **Jesus Is With Me In My World**

***JESUS LOVES YOU SO MUCH, HE  
WAS WILLING TO SURRENDER  
HIS DIVINE PRIVILEGES AND LIVE  
WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS OF  
HUMANITY.***



# Jesus Is With Me In My Weakness



**Hebrews 4:15 This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do, yet he did not sin.**

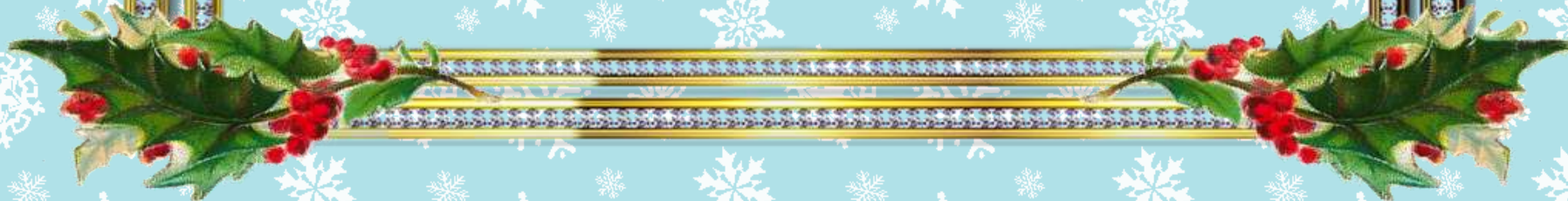


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# **Jesus Is With Me In My Weakness**

***“GOD WITH US” MEANS THAT JESUS  
NOT ONLY UNDERSTANDS THE  
CHALLENGES THAT I FACE, BUT HE  
HAS ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED THEM  
FOR HIMSELF.***



# Jesus Is With Me In My Weakness



**Hebrews 2:17 Therefore, it was necessary for him to be made in every respect like us, his brothers and sisters, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God. Then he could offer a sacrifice that would take away the sins of the people.**

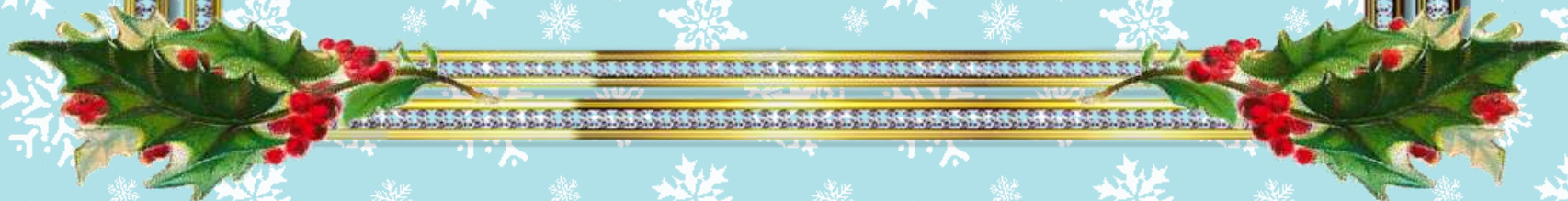


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# **Jesus Is With Me In My Weakness**

***JESUS DID WHAT WAS  
IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO DO ON  
MY OWN BECAUSE OF MY  
WEAKNESS; BUT NOW THROUGH  
HIM I AM MADE STRONG!***





# Jesus Is With Me In My Weakness



**2 Cor 12:9**

**“My grace is all you need. My power is strongest when you are weak.” So if Christ keeps giving me his power, I will gladly brag about how weak I am.**



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# **Jesus Is With Me In My Worship**

***PERHAPS THE GREATEST  
GLORY OF CHRISTMAS IS THAT  
GOD CHOOSES TO BE IN THE  
PRESENCE OF THOSE WHO  
WORSHIP HIM.***



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# **Jesus Is With Me In My Worship**



**Ezekiel 37:27 My dwelling  
place will be with them; and I  
will be their God, and they will  
be My people.**



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**Psalm 22:3**

**But you are holy, you  
who inhabit the praises  
of your people.**



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# Jesus Is With Me In My Worship



**Matthew 2:11**

**They entered the house and  
saw the child with his mother,  
Mary, and they bowed down  
and worshiped him.**

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***“GOD WITH US” MEANS  
THAT MY KING IS ALSO  
MY CLOSEST FRIEND.***

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# **Jesus Is With Me In My Worship**

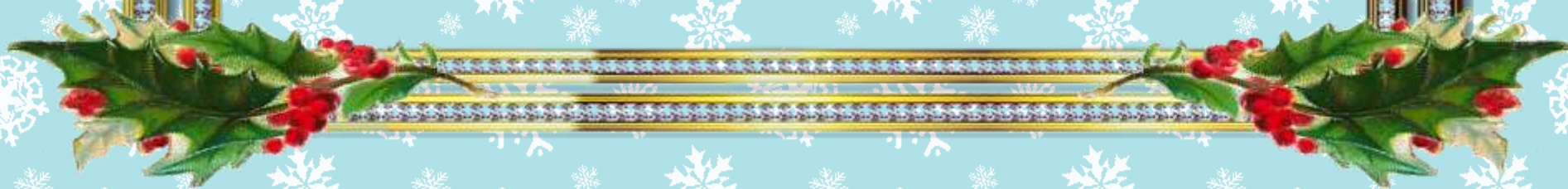
**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO  
HAVE JESUS AS MY KING?**

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# **Jesus Is With Me In My Worship**

***MAKING JESUS MY KING MEANS  
THAT MY EVERYDAY LIFE REFLECTS  
HIS KINGDOM VALUES AND THE  
THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT TO  
HIM, MATTER THE MOST TO ME.***





# Jesus Is With Me In My Worship



***my PRIORITIES**—the true test is how I spend my time and money! How is my life reflecting Kingdom values?*

***my PURPOSE**—no longer living aimlessly without purpose or direction. My entire life is now defined by what God wants me to do.*



***“He is ever ‘Emmanuel, God with us,’ ...with us daily to pardon and forgive; with us daily to sanctify and strengthen; with us daily to defend and keep; with us daily to lead and to guide; with us in sorrow, and with us in joy; with us in sickness, and with us in health; with us in life, and with us in death; with us in time, and with us in eternity.” --J.C. Ryle***

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