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The Force is With Us
Luke 1:18-25

Advent = _____

The Force Vs. The Biblical Triune God

- Differences:
- Similarities:

Have you faced a problem you could not solve?

Responding to the Promise of God's Presence (Luke 1:26-38)

The Problem: _____

Matthew 1:18-19 *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.*

How do we respond to impossible problems?

1. Give up
2. Give in
3. _____

The Solution: _____

Matthew 1:20-25 *But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins." 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 "BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD AND SHALL BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL," which translated means, "GOD WITH US." 24 And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took Mary as his wife, 25 but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.*

How to seek the force?

1. **Do not be** _____. (V. 20)
...do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife...
2. **Recognize that you need** _____. (V. 21)
...you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins...
3. _____ **"God with us."** (V. 22-23)
"THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME IMMANUEL"

Point:

Doggy Bag: Something to take home and chew on!

1. What is one problem I have faced in life that I could not solve? At work? At school? In a relationship? In finances?
2. What am I afraid of? What would it look like to trust in grace in that area of fear?
3. What does it mean to me that there is a Savior? Where do I see the world's need for salvation? Where do I see my need for salvation?
4. Where do I experience God with me? Where do I need the force and presence of God with me?



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