



Spirited Home

Scripture

John 1:14

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Discussion Topic

The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word meaning *manifestation of our Lord*. Having just worshipped through the seasons of Advent (waiting and preparing for the coming of Christ), and Christmas (which actually ends January 6th), HSLC's theme for the season of Epiphany is from John, "the Word became flesh and dwelled among us". Another name we use for Jesus is Emmanuel – *God With Us*. In the birth of Jesus, the incarnation of God that we celebrate at Christmas, we are celebrating the basic faith-truth that God came, God knows who and how we are, and God *is here*, and stays with us – God dwell(s!) among us *here and now!* The church likes to say, "wherever you find love, you find God."

Observance/Discussion

As we wander into this new liturgical season, watch how for how God dwells among us. Try to daily take note of places and people you see LOVE in, and try to see God dwelling there.

- How can you respond to that LOVE? Discuss ways in which you can encourage, or share love with others.
- Discuss how you believe God is with us. Really dig in to where and how you see God. Listen to children answer that question

Prayers

Mealtime

Come Lord Jesus, be our guest
Let these gifts to us be blessed. Amen.

Bedtime

Lord, may I sleep surrounded by your love,
And find peace, trusting you are always here. Amen.

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