

# Christmas Season Devotionals

## Week One – Day 2

### ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel***

A Christian hymn for Advent and Christmas. It is a translation of a Latin hymn, "Veni, Veni, Emmanuel." The 1861 translation, by John Mason Neale. "While the hymn as we find it today was first published in the mid 19th century, its origins are actually found in a Benedictine Gregorian chant from the late 8th and 9th century. History tells us that beginning the week before Christmas, the monks would sing a verse a day to prepare their hearts and minds for Christmas. What's fascinating about the original seven verses is that each began with a Messianic title from the Scriptures that prophesied and foreshadowed Jesus' Coming (Wisdom, God, Stem or Root of Jesse, Key of David, Dayspring, King of the Gentiles and God with us)." (Daniel Im at danielim.com)

Craft Idea – Emmanuel, God With Us: <https://happyhomefairyt.com/baby-jesus-crafts-2/>

Video by: Hymn Charts with Lyrics, Contemporary: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=utpZAIycWFU>

O come, O come, Immanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel  
that mourns in lonely exile here  
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel  
shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and  
cheer Our spirits by Thine advent  
here. Disperse the gloomy clouds  
of night, and death's dark shadows  
put to flight.

Refrain

O Come, Thou Wisdom from on  
high, and order all things far and  
nigh; To us the path of knowledge  
show, and teach us in her ways to  
go.

Refrain

O Come, Desire of nations, bind all  
peoples in one heart and mind. Bid  
envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill  
the whole world with heaven's  
peace.

Refrain

### Questions/statements for individuals or families to respond to:

- Emmanuel means *God with us*? How do you feel about God wanting to be with you?
- The word, *Dayspring*, refers to Jesus bringing people out of the dark and into the light. This makes people feel good. How do you want to put a smile on someone's face, for Jesus, this Christmas season?
- The *Desire of nations*...is about the hope we have in Jesus who will one day return to bring us home with Him. What do you hope this Christmas? What do you think Jesus would want you to hope for?

### Digging Deeper

1. How have you come to terms with your belief and trust in Christ who is already, but not yet? (Consider: Ephesians 1:7 with 4:30)
2. Read the following references and write down your thoughts on longing: Romans 8:23; 1 Corinthians 1:7; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; and Galatians 5:5.
3. How do you maintain joy in the midst of heartache, struggles, or discouragement?