

# Behold His Glorious Presence

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**Passage:** Isaiah 7:14

**Main Point:** God's promise of Jesus' birth was fulfilled; so, we should praise His faithfulness.

### Case Study:

You have a non-believing friend who sees how we celebrate the holidays around this time of year and wonders what Christmas is all about. How do you explain Christmas to him?

### **The Word:**

1. How do we know that Isaiah 7:14 refers to Jesus? (Note to leader: See Matthew 1:23)
2. What other miraculous births happen in Scripture? (Isaac in Gen. 21:6-7, Benjamin and Joseph in Gen. 30:22-24, Samuel in 1 Sam. 1:6,20, John the Baptist in Luke 1)
3. Why was Jesus' birth different than any other?

### **The World:**

1. How would the people who did not believe in the virgin birth have seen Mary?
2. How does taking Christ out of Christmas diminish the hope that we have?
3. How can the truth of Jesus' birth give hope to people who have never heard the Gospel message?

### **The Application:**

1. How does the birth of Jesus give you hope?
2. In what ways can you communicate the truth of Christmas to your family this holiday season?
3. If you have put your faith in Jesus, discuss how His presence has changed your life since then.

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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### How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.