

## 4Ws for Week 52 (23 - 29 Dec 2024)

### WELCOME (15 minutes)

*(If there are first-time guests, begin with a round of introduction and warmly welcome the new visitors.)*

#### Suggested icebreakers:

##### 1. Christmas Quiz

Have each member pick a question to answer. If they can't answer, the question is opened to the rest of the group to guess.

1. What was the name of the angel who appeared to Mary?
2. True or false: Mary became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit.
3. Where was Jesus born?
4. Where was Jesus laid after he was born?
5. True or false: The bible says animals were present at Jesus' birth.
6. Who followed the star to meet baby Jesus?
7. Who was trying to kill baby Jesus?
8. How many wise men brought gifts to Jesus?
9. Which prophet in the Old Testament predicted Jesus' birth?
10. What does Jesus' other name, 'Immanuel' mean?

##### 2. Guess the Riddles

What has to be broken before you can use it? <b>An egg</b>	What goes up but never comes down? <b>Your age</b>	What gets wet while drying? <b>A towel</b>	What has many keys but can't open a single lock? <b>A piano</b>
What month of the year has 28 days? <b>All of them</b>	What is full of holes but still holds water? <b>A sponge</b>	What can you break, even if you never pick it up or touch it? <b>A promise.</b>	I shave every day, but my beard stays the same. What am I? <b>A barber</b>
I have branches, but no fruit, trunk or leaves. What am I? <b>A bank</b>	What is black when it's clean and white when it's dirty? <b>A blackboard</b>	What can travel all around the world without leaving its corner? <b>A stamp</b>	The more of this there is, the less you see. What is it? <b>Darkness</b>
What invention lets you look right through a wall? <b>A window</b>	What can't be put in a saucepan? <b>It's lid</b>	What is cut on a table, but is never eaten? <b>A deck of cards</b>	What runs all around a backyard, yet never moves? <b>A fence</b>
What has one eye, but can't see? <b>A needle</b>	What kind of band never plays music? <b>A rubber band</b>	What has words, but never speaks? <b>A book</b>	What can you catch, but not throw? <b>A cold</b>
What is the end of everything? <b>The letter G</b>	What has many needles, but doesn't sew? <b>Christmas tree</b>	What has a thumb and four fingers, but is not a hand? <b>A glove</b>	Where does one wall meet the other wall? <b>On the corner</b>
What kind of coat is best put on wet? <b>A coat of paint</b>	What has hands, but can't clap? <b>A clock</b>	What has a head and a tail but no body? <b>A coin</b>	What building has the most stories? <b>The library</b>

### WORSHIP (20 minutes)

*(Encourage members to allow the Holy Spirit to minister through them by sharing words, visions, tongues and interpretations of tongues.)*

### **Suggested worship songs:**

- 1) Battle Belongs
- 2) Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

### **WORD (45 minutes)**

**Preacher:** SP Daniel Khong

**Scripture Passage:** Matthew 1:18-24, John 3:16-17

**Sermon Title:** Christmas : A Promise Kept

### **Introduction**

Christmas reminds us that God is a promise-keeper. The birth of Jesus fulfilled a promise made through the prophet Isaiah approximately 700 years earlier, as recorded in Isaiah 7:14.

What are God's unfailing promises to us?

- a. God is with us
- b. God is for us

### **Discovery and Understanding Questions:**

**Q1. Why is the birth of Jesus so significant, and how does it show God as a promise keeper?**

**A1:** The birth of Jesus demonstrates God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises. This assures us that we can trust Him completely because His word is unfailing, dependable, and powerful. God always fulfills what He has promised in His word.

**Q2. Why is the birth of Jesus so important to us?**

**A2.** The birth of Jesus is God's gift to us. His name, *Immanuel*, means "God is with us" and signifies that God is for us. The Almighty God became man and made His dwelling among us. He is not a distant God but one who is near to us. This demonstrates God's desire to be with His people and to relate to them. He is not only powerful but also deeply personal.

### **Application Questions:**

*Break into smaller groups, share, pray and minister to one another.*

**Q1. What does it mean to you that God keeps His promise?**

**Q2. Is there a promise you are praying for and waiting on God to fulfill?**

### **WORKS (15 minutes)**

Focus on *edification, equipping and evangelism*.

1. **Build on the momentum of your outreach efforts:** Continue praying for your pre-believing friends and family, connect with them, and invite them to your Cell and our Weekend Services.
2. **Consolidate new believers:** Diligently pray for and reach out to friends and family who have decided to receive Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. Guide and help them grow in the faith.

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