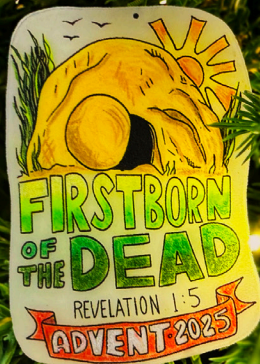


THE NAMES OF JESUS

Ornament Advent 2025



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In this final year of looking at some of the many names of Jesus in the Bible, we are going to focus on names that we find in the last book of the Bible - Revelation. The Bible tells us that Jesus came to earth, was born to Mary and Joseph and died as the perfect spotless sacrifice – the necessary payment for our sin. But we see in Revelation that someday, Jesus will return and His return will be very different from the way He came so long ago.

As you learn more about each of these names this Advent season, our hope is that you will have a greater understanding for the One who is the First and the Last. We pray that your love for God would increase because of what He has done for you and your desire to live in a way that points to Him would grow!

Merry Christmas from **IMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH!**



SCAN QR CODE TO FIND LINKS TO:

- **Our online Pinterest board where you'll find recommendations, recipes and links for supplies for each week's Family Activity.**

- **Songs to fill your home from our Spotify playlist.**

Each week's song selection comes from our very own Songs of Immanuel hymnal

- **Instructions for creating and baking your Names of Jesus ornaments.**

Week 1:

Root of David

Written by Pastor Alex Hairgrove

READ: 2 Samuel 7:16, Isaiah 11:1-12, Revelation 5:5

BRING IT HOME: *“And one of the elders said to me, Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” (Revelation 5:5)*



One of our family Christmas traditions is going to pick out our Christmas tree. Trees really are one of God’s most incredible creations. They start out so small, just seeds and acorns sometimes, and then grow big and sturdy. But for a tree to grow big it has to have strong roots. The roots are what hold the tree firm and give it the strength and nourishment to grow into what it was designed to be.

In Revelation 5:5, we get a peek into the throne room of heaven. And one of the elders describes Jesus as the “Root of David.” What does that mean? It means that God had made a promise to King David way back in 2 Samuel 7 to build his kingdom into an everlasting kingdom with one of his sons ruling forever. Jesus is that promised son. He is also the root of that promise. Jesus, as God’s eternal Son, is holding that promise firm and is causing the promised kingdom – His Kingdom – to grow into what God has designed.

Christmas is a reminder that because of Jesus, all of God’s promises are firm and He will always faithfully bring them to pass.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Plant a seed and watch it grow. Talk about the importance of roots and how long it takes for a seed to become a plant. Talk about watching for those first tiny signs of growth to emerge. A seed tells us what kind of plant will grow. But when it happens, isn’t it exciting to see the first shoots push through the soil? Like this plant, we should be waiting expectantly for Jesus, the Root of David to return someday, because God promises, in the Bible, that He will!

LISTEN/SING: “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus” – Songs of Immanuel #59, “Is He Worthy?” – Songs of Immanuel #75

MEMORIZE: Revelation 5:5

PRAY: Thank God for His Son, Jesus – the One who created David and his entire family; the One who came from David’s family line. And thank God for giving us the hope of an eternal future because of what Jesus has done for us. Praise Him for always keeping His promises to His children and ask Him to give you patience and joy as you wait for the return of the King, Jesus.

Week 2:

Firstborn of the Dead

Written by Pastor Dan Crabtree

READ: John 11: 1-26, Colossians 1:15-20, Revelation 1:5

BRING IT HOME: *“and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood” (Revelation 1:5).*



Every Christmas season, the words from Charles Wesley’s glorious hymn, “Hark the Herald Angels Sing” fill our church and our homes. But how often have we paused to consider what we mean when we sing, “Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die?” What a remarkable thought! And it’s bound up in the title that John calls Jesus in Revelation 1:5, “the firstborn of the dead.”

As in Colossians 1:18, John calls Jesus “the firstborn of the dead” to remind us that Jesus was born twice. The eternal, only begotten Son of God was born to Mary as a mortal baby. Then He lived, died, and was born from the dead as an immortal man. Jesus was not the first person to be raised to life (think of Lazarus!), but He was the first to be raised to eternal life. He was the firstborn of the dead to never die again.

And because Jesus is the firstborn of the dead, the first glorified man, He rules over eternal life and gives it to those who trust in Him. It started on earth with the first birth of the firstborn. He was born from a womb to be born from a tomb. Or, in Wesley’s words, He was “born that man no more may die.”

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Make empty tomb rolls. Once you discover that the “tomb” is empty after the rolls have baked, talk about how Jesus had to die, so that we can have eternal life. Jesus rose again so that we could too. Talk about how amazing that is to think about. Consider sharing some of the rolls with your neighbors.



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LISTEN/SING: “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing” – Songs of Immanuel #65, “Jesus Saves” – Songs of Immanuel #90

MEMORIZE: Colossians 1:18

PRAY: Thank God that His plan for salvation always was that Jesus would bear the wrath of sin that we deserved; that He was the firstborn of the dead. Ask Him to help you share the good news of salvation with those in your neighborhood.

Week 3:

Faithful and True

Written by Pastor Ryan Francis

READ: Matthew 28, John 14: 3, Revelation 19:11

BRING IT HOME: *“Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war.” (Revelation 19:11)*



At Advent we remember that Jesus is Faithful and True. For generations, God's people waited for the coming of the promised Savior. Their waiting included the experience of trials, suffering, and exile. But at the appointed time, God proved Himself Faithful and True by sending salvation in Jesus Christ.

At the end of Jesus's time on earth He told His disciples that He was leaving them, but also promised in John 14:3, "I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." As Jesus proved Himself Faithful and True to come to earth to secure our salvation, so He will prove Himself faithful to come again to receive us into the world without end. This is Jesus's promise to us. He who promised is faithful. He will surely do it.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Make a cake together. As you wait for the cake to bake, talk about what it feels like to have to wait for something. Play the waiting game as you wait! Think of poses that your kids can stand in for a period of time (30 seconds to 1 minute?) and talk about how it felt to stay in that position. Was it easy or hard to do? Talk about how much time passed from creation until Jesus was born; and how much time it has been since Jesus returned to heaven.

Once the cake is cooled, frost it and write "Faithful and True" on the top. As you enjoy it, talk about how exciting it will be when Jesus returns, as He promised He would even though we have to wait for it to happen now. We know God's promise will come to pass and that's FAR MORE amazing than cake!

LISTEN/SING: "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" – Songs of Immanuel #57
"On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" – Songs of Immanuel #163

MEMORIZE: John 14:3

PRAY: Thank God that He is sovereign and that His timing is perfect for all things, including when Jesus, the Faithful and True one, returns. Ask for patience as we wait for that amazing day and for boldness to share the good news with people that God brings into our lives.

Week 4:

King of Kings

Written by Pastor Jesse Johnson

READ: Revelation 17:7-14, Revelation 19:11-16

BRING IT HOME: *“They will make war on the Lamb, and the Lamb will conquer them, for he is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those with him are called and chosen and faithful” (Revelation 17:14).*



At Advent we look for the coming King—not one crowned by men, but by God. Revelation 17:14 reminds us that the baby born among animals in a manger is actually the Lamb who rules the nations.

For now, the nations rage against Him. At His birth, most simply ignored Him. Yet when He returns, no power can stand before His gentle sovereignty. Christ's victory is not won by force but by sacrifice; His throne was first a cross.

As we wait for Christmas, we remember that the Child who came in humility will return in glory, and every rival will bow before His authority. Those who belong to Him—called, chosen, and faithful—share in His triumph. This Christmas, find courage in the confidence that our King still reigns and one day will reign in person, over the earth.

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Make a crown fit for a King. Check out ideas on our Advent 2025 Pinterest board for templates. Paint it gold and decorate it with the colors of stones mentioned in Revelation 22. Talk about the attributes of Jesus and how a king with those qualities would act. Remember that Jesus doesn't just have these qualities, He is them.

Put it on your kitchen table for this week to remind you that Jesus is our coming King.

LISTEN/SING: “Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery” – Songs of Immanuel #69, “Jesus Shall Reign” – Songs of Immanuel #157

MEMORIZE: Revelation 17:14

PRAY: Thank God that He always keeps His promises and for Jesus, who is the one true King who will return one day to rule over the earth in righteousness and truth. Ask God to help you to live in a way that confidently shows the world that your trust is in Him alone. Ask God to help you to reflect the attributes – chosen and faithful – to a watching world.

Week 5:

Alpha and Omega

Written by Pastor JJ Engelbrecht

READ: Isaiah 44:6-8, John 1:1-5, Revelation 1:5-8, 21:5-6, Revelation 22:13



BRING IT HOME: *“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.” (Revelation 22:13).*

God refers to Himself as the Alpha and Omega in Revelation 1:8. Later in Revelation 21:6, God describes Himself as the beginning and the end. Earlier in Isaiah 44:6, God declares that He is the first and last. But here in Revelation 22:13 Jesus applies all of those truths to Himself.

What does this mean for us this Christmas?

If Jesus was not God, then He could not have lived a sinless life on our behalf. If Jesus was not God, then His death upon the cross would not have satisfied God’s demands. If Jesus was not God, then we would not have a Savior who was able to save. If Jesus was not God, then He was just a good teacher and a kind man. But because Jesus is God we can rest in the fact that His sinless death upon the cross had the power to forgive us and to bring us into eternity!

As you celebrate Christmas this year, remember that Jesus isn’t just the Alpha and Omega. He is the Root of David, the Firstborn of the Dead, Faithful and True, the King of Kings and so much more!

FAMILY ACTIVITY: Make an Alpha and Omega “everlasting” wreath to put on your front door. Take a large embroidery hoop or cardboard ring and wrap it in silver and gold tinsel and then hang a cardboard cross in the middle of it with gold ribbon. Make a banner that says “Alpha & Omega” and attach it to the top part of the wreath.

As you work, talk about how Jesus existed with God before creation and how He will reign over us with God for eternity in heaven.

LISTEN/SING: “Joy Has Dawned” – Songs of Immanuel #61
“One True God” – Songs of Immanuel #22

MEMORIZE: Isaiah 44:6

PRAY: Thank God that He is the One who was and is and is to come, that His good plan was always to send Jesus to save us and to send the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Ask Him to help you live in a way that points others to this saving knowledge as you courageously wait for THE King to return.



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