

A stylized illustration of a nativity scene. The background is a dark blue gradient with a large, bright, multi-pointed star in the center. The text "EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US" is written in white, serif, all-caps font across the middle. The bottom of the image features white silhouettes of a palm tree, three camels on a hill, and a cityscape with domes and towers. A small red and white logo is in the bottom right corner.

# EMMANUEL: GOD WITH US

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

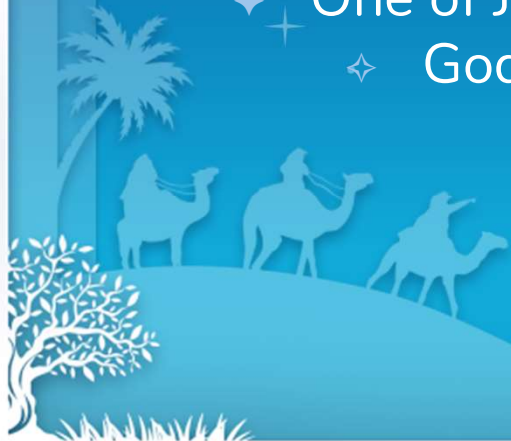
*Matthew 1:22-23* Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

*Isaiah 7:14* Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.



# EMMANUEL

- ◆ One of Jesus' names is "Emmanuel"
- ◆ God with us



## EMMANUEL

*Hebrews 12:18-21* For you are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, And the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that the word should not be spoken to them any more: (For they could not endure that which was commanded, And if so much as an animal touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a spear: And so terrible was the sight, that Moses said, I exceedingly fear and quake:)



# GOD

- ◆ Jesus is God
- ◆ Jesus is also our friend
- ◆ We need to balance these two Truths



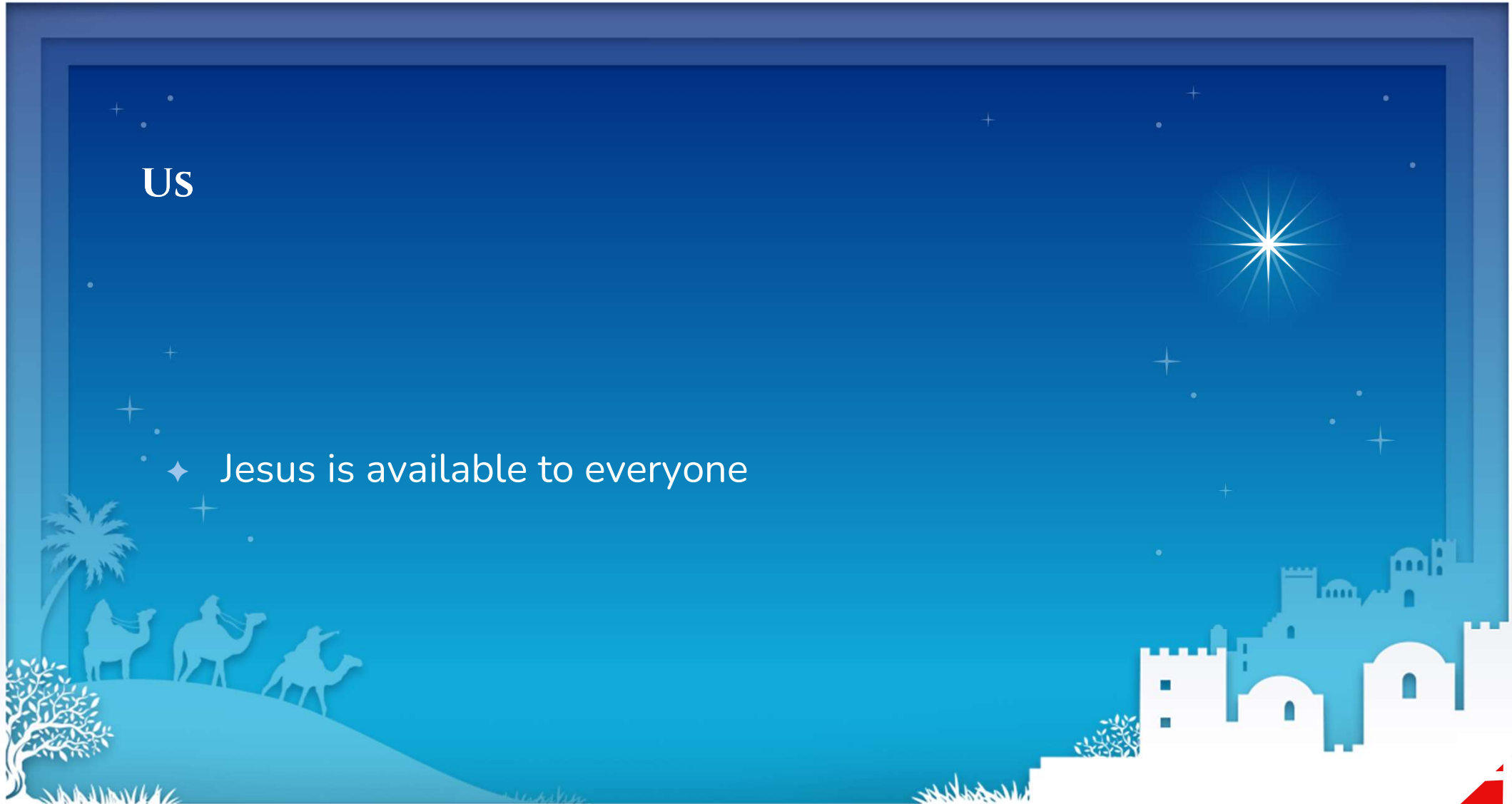
WITH

- ◆ accompaniment
- ◆ amid



US

◆ Jesus is available to everyone



## GOD WITH US

- ◆ God is for us
- ◆ God is our Comforter
- ◆ God is our very present help in time of need
- ◆ God saves us
- ◆ God loves us
- ◆ God guides us





# CHRISTMAS

- ◆ Emmanuel should also be a reminder to us of the Greatness of the Gift we have received
  - ◆ God's Holiness
  - ◆ God's forgiveness
  - ◆ God's Mercy
  - ◆ God's Grace



## ONE PURPOSE OF CHRISTMAS

- ◆ Let's seek God for a new revelation of Emmanuel: God being with us!

