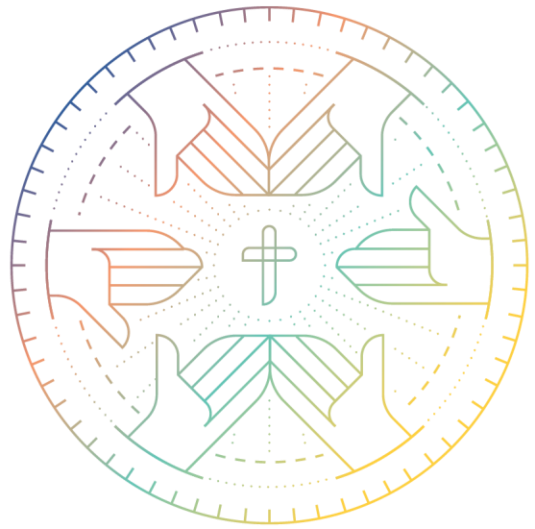


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## ICEBREAKER (10 MINUTES)

What Christmas traditions do you have in your family to celebrate the birth of Jesus?

## INTRODUCTION (5-10 MINUTES)

Anchor Verse: *Matthew 1: 21*

The name of Jesus means Jehovah means salvation. Jesus came to Earth to save us from sin and death, restore our relationship with God, provide a love that lasts forever, and defeat evil.

The Latin phrase “Nomen est omen” translates to mean the name is an omen. Nominative determination is the hypothesis that people tend to gravitate to the jobs that fit their names.

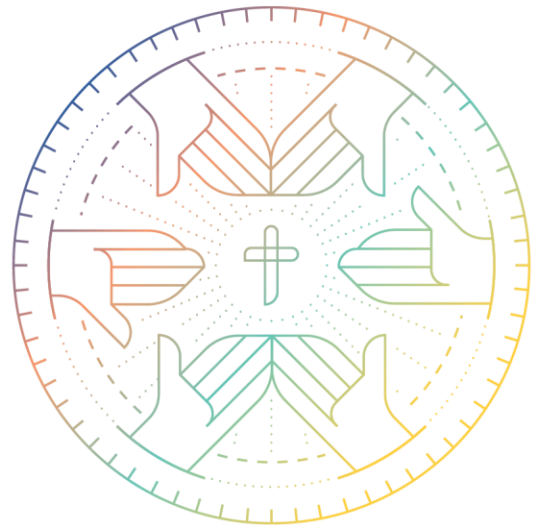
## INTO THE WORD (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Matthew 1:21, 2 Corinthians 5:18-20, and Romans 16:20. Jesus’s name means Jehovah is salvation. We see that His name was precisely who He was because he:
  - Rescues us from sin and death.
  - Restores our relationship with God.
  - Provides love that lasts forever.
  - Defeats evil.Which of these attributes sticks out to you?
  
2. Read Acts 17:22-28. J. R. R. Tolkien said “Humans have a deep longing to ...
  - Get outside of time and space
  - Escape death
  - Be in relationships with the divine
  - Find perfect love that never goes away
  - Triumph over evilWhy do you think that is?

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## APPLICATION (25 MINUTES)

1. Read Matthew 1 and Read Hebrews 4:15. How does the Gospel (Good story) apply to you today?
2. Re-Read Matthew, chapter 1. Can you share what it looks like in your own life to experience God keeping His promise to love us with a perfect love that lasts forever (Jeremiah 31:3)? How has He removed what's heavy in your daily life? What desires or longings do you feel the Lord has placed on your heart and has then fulfilled for you?

## PRAYER (10 MINUTES)

*Dear Heavenly Father, as we prepare to celebrate Christmas, please let us remember the true meaning. Jesus came to save us from death and sin. He came to restore our relationship with You. Jehovah Is salvation. Jesus is a perfect name. It's the only name He could have been given. Jesus is the most beautiful name, and we thank you for sending Him. It shows Your love for us and how you fulfill the promises You have made since the beginning. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.*