

WORD

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ISAIAH 9:6

Christmas is more than fun and feasting; it's a time to celebrate who Jesus is to us. Jesus didn't come into the world as the strong leader the Israelites expected. Instead, He came as a baby. Through His life, He fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and God's plan to save us. In this passage, Isaiah used four names to refer to Jesus. These names show us why we can celebrate Christmas. In this lesson, we will look at what *Wonderful Counselor* means, and how this affects our lives.

1 Because Jesus has all wisdom, I can run to Him.

And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. ISAIAH 11:2

Jesus is the wisdom of God, and He has given us His Spirit, which guides us into all truth (John 16:13). Therefore, we can always ask God for His wisdom, which is beyond our human wisdom. Share about an experience wherein God's wisdom exceeded your human wisdom. How did you run to God for wisdom?

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2 Because Jesus is all-knowing, I can trust Him.

⁵Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. PROVERBS 3:5,6

Only God knows everything from beginning to end (Isaiah 46:9,10). Because He is full of infinite wisdom and goodness, He is the only One we can fully trust. What do you think it means to *trust in the Lord with all your heart*?

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3 Because Jesus is in control, I can depend on Him.

And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. COLOSSIANS 1:17

We can't control our circumstances or the people around us, but we can depend on the One who is in absolute control of everything—Jesus. We don't need to worry, because His plans and purposes will always prevail. In what way have you seen that God is in control of your situation?

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