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and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isa 9:6, NIV)

Awake, awake, arm of the Lord,
clothe yourself with strength!
Awake, as in days gone by,
as in generations of old.
Was it not you who cut Rahab to pieces,
who pierced that monster through? (Isa 51:9, NIV)

"The days are coming," declares the Lord,
"when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The Lord Our Righteous Savior. (Jer 23:5-6, NIV)

"I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the Lord Almighty. (Mal 3:1, NIV)

He has raised up a horn of salvation for us
in the house of his servant David (Luke 1:69, NIV)

because of the tender mercy of our God,
by which the rising sun will come to us from heaven (Luke 1:78, NIV)

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Teacher Notes

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Briefly ask the student what names his parents call him by and why. This will prepare him for this lesson.
Read the various passages and encourage the student's skill of observation.

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Immanuel / God with us?

Consider what the apostle John says, "No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made him known." (John 1:18, NIV)

God is telling us that He is a historically real person as seen through His Son Jesus.

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Wonderful Counselor? Mighty God? Everlasting Father? Prince of Peace? Do these names give you any comfort? Why?

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Arm of the Lord? What image do you see when you flex your arm?

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Lord Our Righteous Savior?

The definition for “righteous” is doing what is right in God’s eyes or obeying God’s word.

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Messenger of the Covenant? What covenant is God referring to?

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Horn of Salvation? What does a horn do or signify?

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Ask the student: what is God telling us with the name Rising Sun from Heaven?