

# Tidings of Truth

*O Come O Come Emmanuel*

Various passages

## Launch

What is your favorite Christmas carol? Why?

## Explore

**Read these titles of Jesus (and passages) that are referenced in the song:**

**Emmanuel** ([Isaiah 7:14](#)) — “God with us” — he will pay the ransom that only a God-man can pay.

**Rod of Jesse** ([Isaiah 11:1](#), [11:10](#)), springing from a dead stump, he will free his people, by death and resurrection, from Satan’s tyranny, and make them free forever.

**Dayspring** ([Luke 1:78](#)) — the dawn of God’s kingdom — he will be the light of the world, and banish the hopelessness of darkness.

**Key of David** ([Isaiah 22:22](#)), he rescues us from hell, locks the door behind us, unlocks the door of heaven, and brings us home.

## Apply

Which of these terms/concepts were unfamiliar to you? Which one is the most significant or interesting to you?

This song is a blend of longing (in the verses) and rejoicing (in the refrain). How is this a picture of the Christian life?

***Hope can be defined as “joyful expectation for the future based on true events from the past, which changes everything about my present.”***

How does Jesus fulfilling the prophecies of Isaiah give you hope?

Who in your relational world needs the hope of Jesus?

## Pray

Pray that people would come to know the hope of Emmanuel this Christmas season.