

# Everlasting Father

Isaiah 9:6-7

Christmas was made for this!

- Jesus is Everlasting
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- Jesus is full of father-like qualities
  - He is a faithful provider
  
  
  
  
  
  - He is a loving protector
  
  
  
  
  
  - He is a courageous rescuer

Who's your Daddy?

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Our "Unto Us" Christmas devotional book is a great resource to help you encounter the Wonderful Counselor this Christmas!

[www.forcey.org/media/blog/unto-us-advent-devotional/](http://www.forcey.org/media/blog/unto-us-advent-devotional/)

## For Further Reflection

- Meditate on Isaiah 9:1-7, John 1:1-18, Colossians 1:15-17
- Watch the movie *The Nativity Story*.
- Watch the short film *The Shepherd* by the makers of *The Chosen* - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfmkpZVZJQQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lfmkpZVZJQQ)
- Read the short book "A Walk One Winter Night" – it makes a great gift for others!
- Read this article – [www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-can-jesus-be-our-everlasting-father](http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/how-can-jesus-be-our-everlasting-father)
- Listen to "Everlasting God" - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=TE-fN-hJ9xo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TE-fN-hJ9xo)
- Listen to "Joseph" - [www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiwWgd9YFvc](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XiwWgd9YFvc)

## Questions for Discussion

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. What is something that stood out to you from our Christmas devotional book this past week?
3. So, how are you REALLY doing? Can you identify with any of these emotions – confusion, fear, discouragement, doubt, anxiety, sadness? If not so much, what is helping you through this season?
4. What are you most looking forward to on Christmas Day this year?
5. What do you admire most about Joseph based on what we know of him in the Scriptures?
6. Read John 1:1-18 together. In your own words, explain what it means to you that Jesus is "Everlasting"? What difference does this attribute of God make in your life today?
7. We talked about how Jesus functions in father-like ways as our provider, protector, and rescuer. How has Jesus demonstrated this to you in a specific way recently, or in the past?
8. Can you relate at all with Ahaz in the way he was tempted to seek help elsewhere? Have you ever looked for refuge in something or someone that has ended up being part of your downfall? Explain.
9. How can we make sure that our hearts are devoted to Jesus and Jesus alone in the coming year? What might it look like to seek Jesus all the more?
10. Read Hebrews 2:14-18. Spend some time praying for many people to come to know Jesus this week, even through our Christmas production and other ways that we can witness about Him!