

Introduction:

⁶ 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. ⁷ Of the increase of His government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Isaiah 9:6-7

Question #1: Who is this Child?

Answer:

- **Wonderful** _____: Christ sees humanity's brokenness, hurt, and our need for wisdom.
- **Mighty** _____: Christ empowers us to live righteously.
- **Everlasting** _____: Christ gives us eternal hope.
- **Prince of** _____: Christ is the Prince of Peace.

Question #2: Why did Jesus come?

Answer:

- He came to _____.
- He came to _____.
- He came to _____.
- He came to be the _____.

Four basic meanings of “shalom”

1. Health
2. Harmony
3. Fulfillment
4. Victor over enemies

Question #3: Where is the peace that Jesus promised?

Answer:

- The peace that Jesus promised is entrusted to Christ-followers.
- Peace is a gift from God.

Question #4: What do you really need?

Answer:

- Lasting peace

Question #5: How do you get that peace?

Answer:

- Peace is a gift.
- Through the blood of Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:12

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus is a Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace. Which of these four characteristics do you need to remember during this season of life?
2. How does understanding “shalom” give you a better perspective of the peace that Christ offers?
3. Have you received the gift of peace that God offers? If not, will you take that step today?
4. How can you share the peace of God in your life with others?