

## Given a Sign > Isaiah 7:10-17

**7:10-13** *The Lord's reassurance.* The Lord's word is so sure, his protection and blessing so certain, that he wants King Ahaz of Judah to ask him for a sign in order to strengthen Ahaz's faith and to confirm to him that God is the one to be trusted, not any human powers. Because of Ahaz's lack of trust in the Lord, he refuses God's offer, inviting judgment upon himself and his people.

**7:14-17** *The Lord's sign.* Out of God's marvelous grace, however, he will still do exactly as he had already promised: he would rescue his people from their sins. Even as Ahaz and those with him are taken over by a foreign power, the promise of the coming Messiah still stands as hope for the remnant of God's people who trust him.

**Background:** Isaiah has been commissioned by the Lord to take good news to people who don't want to hear it. Ahaz trusts in human alliances more than God, and so what should be good news ends up as judgment upon him.

**The Point:** All of God's words are true – they will happen! God has promised the Messiah and he has come!

**Head:** How will you combat unfaithfulness in yourself? How will you treasure God's words more than your own fears?

**Heart:** Call on the Lord to defeat your unbelief and to build trust in him alone.

**Hands:** This Christmas, speak to one another of trusting Jesus.

**Here is how I will apply these truths:** \_\_\_\_\_

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