# Isaiah 7

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## Listen

Read Isaiah 7:

1. What is the king scared of? Why?
2. What is God’s radical suggestion?
3. Why can Ahaz trust God? What is going to happen to the other nations?
4. Why must Ahaz trust God? What does v.9 say will happen if he doesn’t? What do you think that means?
5. What does God ask Ahaz to do in v.10? Why?
6. How does Ahaz respond?
7. What does that mean:
   1. For him?
   2. For the people?
8. What is the sign God gives to him?
   1. Who is coming?
   2. What does the name mean?
   3. Who is it? Look up:
      1. Isaiah 7:16
      2. Isaiah 8:8
      3. Matthew 1:21-23
9. What must come before hope in v18-25? (Remember 6:11-13)

## Make it real

1. Who is Ahaz ultimately trusting in? Where will that get him?
2. Who can he trust in? Why?
3. How does the sign of Immanuel help us when we trust God?
4. When do we find it hardest to trust God? Why?
5. What practical things can help us trust God (remember the sermon?)
6. How would a simple thing such as praying, being at church, or going to the prayer meeting, help us trust God more?

## Prayer ideas

* Praise God for his faithfulness, and solid truth
* Thank God we can trust Him for everything
* Repent of the times when you have failed to do that
* Ask for His help to stand firm in trusting Him
* Thank Him for Immanuel, Jesus Christ, who enables us to trust Him
* Thank Him that His Spirit is with us, helping us keep going
* Pray through the warning of v9: **“If you do not stand firm in your faith, you will not stand at all.”**

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