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***“The Difference A Baby Makes –
When His Name is Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty God, Everlasting Father,
Prince of Peace”***

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

Isaiah 9:6-7

A. It was a time of darkness...

“Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever...The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.”
Isaiah 9:1a, 2

1. It was a time of famine and turmoil, so confusion plagued their nation!
2. It was a time where the promises of God seemed out of reach and they had lost their power to bring change!
3. It was a time where the people of God had wandered far from God and forgot the timelessness of God!
4. It was a time of war so fear dominated their thoughts as to their future!

B. His Name is Wonderful Counselor...

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.” John 16:13
“And we have received God’s Spirit (not the world’s spirit), so we can know the wonderful things God has freely given us.”
1 Corinthians 2:12

1. Jesus is wonderful...beyond anything we have ever seen, extraordinary, and beyond the bounds of human expectation.
2. Jesus is a counselor...the sum total of all knowledge, all wisdom, all direction, all truth, all counsel, and all insight.

3. *Jesus is the Wonderful Counselor!*
“Oh the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments and his paths beyond tracing out! ‘Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?’” Romans 11:33-34

C. His Name is Mighty God...

“When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers- the moon and the stars you set in place- what are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?” Psalm 8:3-4

1. Jesus is mighty...He is a hero; limitless in power; a proven warrior who will win all battles; He is victorious; a miracle-working God!
2. Jesus is God...He is no less than the Almighty and nothing is too hard for Him!
3. Jesus is a Mighty God!

“The Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.’” Matthew 28:18

D. His Name is Everlasting Father...

“Jesus answered, ‘I tell you the truth, before Abraham was even born, I am!’ John 8:58
“The Father and I are one.” John 10:30

1. Jesus is everlasting...He is eternal; He always existed; and always will exist!
2. Jesus is a father...He wants a relationship with us; I am adopted and I have a family; He cares for us like a father; He nurtures like a father; He is strong and dependable like a father; He is a “strong, strong God!”
3. Jesus is an Everlasting Father!

“He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together.” Colossians 1:17

E. His Name is Prince of Peace...

“On his robe at his thigh was written this title: King of all kings and Lord of lords.” Revelation 19:16

“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.” John 14:27

1. Jesus is a Prince...Jesus is royalty; the supreme ruler; He rules from a throne; there is no government higher; He has a Kingdom of unlimited wealth, power and glory; He is sovereign and He is in complete control!
2. Jesus is Peace...Jesus is a peace that whatever comes into my life God already knows and has equipped me for it and how to handle it; Jesus is a peace that is not dependent on circumstances but on an inner confidence that ultimately all is in God’s Hands.
3. Jesus is the Prince of Peace!

“I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

F. He is...

1. A Wonderful Counselor in our times of confusion!
2. A Mighty God when we feel powerless to go on!
3. An Everlasting Father when we lose sight of eternity and need the comfort of a Father.
4. A Prince of Peace when fear would dominate our thoughts!

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