



THE PREMISE:

Gather all your usual suspects on Zoom for a fun youth group Christmas event! Have one leader join for every 6-9 students (leaders should be familiar with the online game "Among Us"). Students will play several rounds and ultimately vote for a winner who they think played the game best.

THE GAME:

Divide students into groups of 6-9 and assign a leader to each group who will host an "Among Us" game for their group. Send groups to breakout rooms to play two rounds of the game.

(If students or leaders unfamiliar with the game, share your screen and play this tutorial video before students head off to their breakout rooms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnjpjpdhUNjY>).

After 15 minutes or so, return everyone to the main room, shuffle the groups and send them off again for another two games. Repeat this until your allotted time runs out (save time for prizes and devotions).

THE VOTE:

Gather everyone back in the main room for the final vote. Have students think about everyone they have played the game with over the course of the evening and select one person they think played the game the best. Students will cast their final 'vote' by

sending it to a leader in a private chat (no votes for yourself!). Announce that you will reveal the ultimate winner at the end of the evening. Assign a leader to tally up the votes during the devotional time.

THE WORD:

Read John 1:14 *"So the Word became human and made his home **among us**. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son."*

- This means that God became a human and lived and walked among us - in the everyday tasks of our broken and mundane world. He was one of us - truly and properly human, yet at the same time, truly and properly God. His name is Jesus, Emmanuel - God with us.
- However, he was not an imposter. God literally put on flesh and revealed himself to us in the person of Jesus Christ.
- God sent Jesus to be with us in the mess and complexities of our world, and he is still with us today. He is truly among us, and he is concerned about every detail of our lives and our world.
- Jesus came to redeem sabotaged places, to heal the broken, to make wrong things right. He came to bring us real and full life.
- The gift of Jesus in our midst brings hope, peace, love, joy, and light where those things seem to be in short supply.

Share your screen and play *"God With Us"* by Terrian (<https://terrian.lnk.to/gwuYo>).

While the video plays, have students think about these questions. Invite them to share after the video ends:

- *How would my Christmas, my daily life, my world be different if I focused on the fact that God is truly with me?*
- *What is one step I could take to be more aware every day of Jesus living among us? In what ways can I make others aware of this?*

Share a prayer together as a group, thanking God for his presence among us, and asking him to help us be more aware of it every day.

THE PRIZE:

Reveal the winner as determined by the votes cast earlier. Choose a prize that best suits your group and your budget, but here's a couple of themed ideas:

Among Us Christmas Socks:

https://rockemsocks.com/collections/impostor/products/impostor-holiday-all-over?fbclid=IwAR2GVYgsO_JU3mBDkUBLrUKfMyHHvFfXbhBlxOWNqPTCqe0VyHlvc3oANkQ

Among Us Head to Toe Mask & Socks package:

<https://rockemsocks.com/products/imposter-head-2-toe?variant=32535514972220>