

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS TRUST THE KING

Psalm 9:10; 20:7; Isaiah 12:2; Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 26:4; Jeremiah 17:7; 1 Peter 1:1-9; Revelation 19:16

BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 1:38

And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

BIG IDEAS

- We trust the King's perfect plan.
- We trust the King with our doubts and fears.
- We trust the King by obeying His Word.

BIBLE STORY: LUKE 1

The births of John the Baptist and Jesus mark the fulfillment of promises that God's people had been waiting for for centuries. The promises that God made to Elizabeth and to Mary about the children they would have seemed impossible, but they trusted God to keep His Word.

ADVENT

Advent is a special celebration and contemplation of the coming of Jesus Christ that Christians participate in during the Christmas season. Advent literally means "arrival" or "coming". During Advent season God's people remember and rejoice in Jesus' first coming to save his people from their sins, while at the same time long with anticipation and expectation for his return. Advent centers on Jesus, the saving Son. He alone is the one true King!

BIG AIMS**Every child should know that:**

- Jesus is the one and only King.
- Jesus came and is coming again.
- We exist for Jesus.

**Every child should feel:**

- The longing within their soul for the King.
- A dissatisfaction within their soul for things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.

**Every child should strive to:**

- Spend time each week with their family talking about the King.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who came and is coming again.

**Every child should want to:**

- Trust the King in the everyday struggles of life.
- See and seek Jesus more than anything else this Christmas season.
- Tell others who are lost about the good news of the King.

THE FAITHFUL KING JESUS

Use a dictionary app on your phone to define the word “faithful”. Next, ask your son or daughter to think of people they know who are faithful. Next, brainstorm ways that your family can be faithful to one another this week. Remind your son or daughter that King Jesus is faithful and trustworthy always.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Luke 1.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

God is a faithful and true God. In the beginning, He promised to send a Savior to rescue us from our sin. God proved that He is faithful by keeping His promises. God chose two people to be a part of His redemption story—Joseph and Mary. When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Mary didn't understand how this would be possible since they were not yet married. The angel of the Lord told Mary and Joseph that Mary's baby was the Promised Savior. They probably didn't understand God's plan, but they trusted it. Mary and Joseph probably felt doubts and even fear, but they did exactly what God told them to do. Joseph married Mary and took care of her. They even named the baby Jesus just like the angel told him to do. We can trust God, too, because God is trustworthy. This means He always does what He says He's going to do. Even when we feel fear and doubt, we can trust God. We show we trust Him by obeying His Word always.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- What did Mary do after the angel of the Lord visited her? (She trusted God and did everything the angel of the Lord told her to do.)
- Why can we always trust God? (God is always faithful and keeps His promises.)



As a family, memorize Luke 1:38 by creating a puzzle from the verses. Write the verses on a piece of paper and then cut them into puzzle pieces. Take turns setting a timer and putting the puzzle together. Say the verses out loud together several times.



As a family, make Christmas treats or crafts for your neighbors. As you make them, talk with your son or daughter about what it means to be trustworthy and how the coming of Jesus showed that God is a faithful God. As you deliver the treats, seek opportunities to share with your neighbors about the faithfulness of God.



As a family name some doubts and fears that you each have. Next, choose one of the things to trust God with this week. Create a chart to track how well each family member does with trusting God this week. At the end of the week, talk through the ways that God was faithful to your family. Remind your son or daughter that King Jesus is faithful.



Spend time praying together as a family. Pray for your family to have opportunities to share about the faithfulness of God in sending Jesus to the earth.