

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS TRUST THE KING**

Psalm 9:10; 20:7; Isaiah 12:2; Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 26:4 (Hebrews 13:8); Jeremiah 17:7; Revelation 19:16

**BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 1:24-25**

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

**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: MATTHEW 1:1-25**

The birth of Jesus was long-awaited by God's people and meant that salvation had come to mankind. God's people longed for the coming of the Messiah and today, His people long for the King's return when all things will be made new and right.

**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.)*

Matthew 1:1-25.

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

Being trustworthy is important in life. When we make a promise, it's important that we keep it, but sometimes we don't do what we say we're going to do. Thankfully, God is not like this. He is always faithful and can always be trusted. He promised to send the Messiah and in Matthew 1:1-25, we see that He kept His promise. Because He is so trustworthy, we can trust Him as our King. Joseph showed us how to trust God no matter what. He was betrothed to Mary, but when he found out that Mary was pregnant, he decided to end the engagement. God had a better plan though. He used His angel to appear to Joseph in a dream to tell Joseph His plan and purpose. Joseph listened to God because he trusted Him. God's plan was better and greater than anything Joseph could imagine himself. Even though Joseph probably had a lot of doubts and fears about his marriage to Mary and the birth of Jesus, he still trusted God through them. He even showed that he trusted God by obeying God's Words to him. We can trust God and we show that we do by obeying His Word, the Bible. No matter our circumstances or the way we feel, we can be like Joseph and trust God because God is our trustworthy King.

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

- How might Joseph have been fearful in his situation? (It might have feared how people thought of him and he might have feared what would happen to him.)
- How did Joseph show he trusted God? (He obeyed God's Word even though he might have been fearful and doubtful of God's plan. He still trusted God.)
- How can we trust the King? (We can obey God's Word and trust Him even in our doubts and fears.)



As a family, memorize Matthew 1:24-25 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.