

# JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT FOR THE KING

## BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT FOR THE KING

Genesis 49:18; Psalm 27:14; 39:7; 130:5; Isaiah 33:2; Lamentations 3:25-26; Micah 7:7; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Revelation 19:16

## BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 2:25-26

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”

## BIG IDEAS

- We wait patiently for our King.
- We wait expectantly for our King.
- We wait faithfully for our King.

## BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2:22-35

God’s people wait for the King to come. Simeon was a righteous and devout man who waited faithfully and expectantly for the promised Messiah. He remained faithful to God and obeyed His commands because he believed God would send the Messiah. He got to see the Messiah because he waited patiently and faithfully.

## 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.

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## EXPECTANTLY WAITING

Set several alarm clocks and place them around your house. Ask your child to hunt for the alarm clocks before their alarm sounds. Play this game a few times and then talk with your child about what they felt while they were looking for the alarm clocks. Discuss with them how we might feel waiting for the King to return. Discuss how God's people wait for His return expectantly, meaning they really do look for Him to return.

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

Luke 2:22-35.

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

Waiting for something or someone can be very difficult sometimes. We can grow impatient or even get distracted waiting for something. God's people knew that He had promised to send a Messiah. They waited many, many years for the Messiah to come. One person who waited for the Messiah was a man named Simeon. Simeon was faithful to God. He believed that God would do what He had promised. Simeon waited patiently for God to send the Messiah. He did not grow weary or get distracted. Simeon always expected the Messiah to come. He went to the temple expecting to see the Messiah and he did! He waited faithfully. He obeyed God's commands and lived righteously in the sight of God. He was faithful to God and in the end, Simeon got to see the Messiah. God's people today wait for the King to return. We wait patiently, trusting God's timing and now our own. We wait expectantly, knowing that God does what He says He's going to do and we wait faithfully. We can be faithful by obeying God's Word and living for our eternal home and not this temporal home.

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

- How was Simeon faithful to God? (He lived a right life before God and obeyed God's commands.)
- How should God's people wait for the King today? (They should be like Simeon and wait patiently, expectantly, and faithfully.)



KNOW

As a family, memorize Luke 2:25-26 by creating a puzzle from the verses. Write the verses on a piece of paper and then cut it into puzzle pieces. Take turns putting the puzzle together and saying the verses out loud.



DO

As a family make your child's favorite dessert. As you are waiting to eat the dessert, talk with your child about how we might feel anxious or excited when we are waiting for something. Remind your child that God's people wait expectantly for His return because He is trustworthy and true.



FEEL

On small pieces of paper, write down some of the things that the King will do when He returns. Hide these papers around your house and ask your child to hunt for them. When he or she finds one, read it out loud and talk about how God's people wait expectantly for His return.



WANT

As a family spend time praying together as a family for the King's return. Model asking Jesus to return to your child.