

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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FAITHFUL WAITING

Create a game of charades to play with your child. On the cards, write down actions that help us live faithfully for God, such as reading our Bibles, praying, serving one another, being obedient (obeying our parents), etc. Play a game of charades as a family and talk with your child about how God's people wait faithfully for the King to return. Remind them that we do so by obeying His Word.

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 writing the verses on a large piece of paper or poster board. Make a family challenge to see who can memorize the verses the fastest. Award a prize to the family member who wins. Remind them that we all wait like Simeon waited.



DO

As a family come up with a list of ways you can wait patiently this week, such as taking turns with toys, in the bathroom, not whining about dinnertime, etc. As you practice these behaviors, help your child understand that we have to do the same things as we wait for the King to return. We can't try to hurry things up or do our own thing as we wait for the King's return.



FEEL

Play a game of musical ball as a family. Pass a ball around while music plays. When the music stops, the person holding the ball gets to name one thing they are excited for when the King returns. Help your child think of things that bring them excitement when they think of Jesus' 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.