

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!

**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.

A TRUSTWORTHY KING

Use the following activities to teach your child about trust and being trustworthy: breathing, sunrises/sunsets, waking up from sleep, etc. Ask your child to think about breathing. Point out how we do not have to think about breathing; we just breathe. Point out how we do not have to think about the sun coming up or setting; it just does. We do not have to think about waking up from sleep; we just do. Point out how we can trust certain things in life to happen. Remind them that we can trust King Jesus because He always does what He says He's going to do. We can follow Him because He is faithful.

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.)

**KNOW**

As a family, memorize Luke 1:38 by creating macaroni art from the verses. Write the verses on a piece of paper and then use uncooked macaroni and glue to outline the verses. Say the verses out loud together several this week.

**DO**

As a family, plan a day your son or daughter can have a friend over to make Christmas treats, such as Christmas cookies, candy, or Christmas crafts. During the playdate talk about the reason your family celebrates Christmas and how you look forward to the coming of King Jesus.

**FEEL**

As a family, take turns naming one thing you are going to trust King Jesus with this week. Help your son or daughter think of a fear or doubt that he or she can trust Jesus with. Talk through specific ways you can trust Jesus, such as praying when you feel fearful, talking to someone else about it, remembering the memory verse for this week, etc.

**WANT**

Spend time singing Christmas songs as a family. As you spend this time together, talk about how Jesus' birth reminds us of God's trustworthiness. We can trust the King.