

**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.

JESUS FOLLOWERS TRUST  
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.)*

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 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.



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.



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.



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.