

**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS REJOICE IN THE KING**

*Zechariah 9:9; Deuteronomy 12:7; 1 Chronicles 16:10; Nehemiah 12:43; Psalm 13:5; 35:9; Habakkuk 3:18; John 16:22; Romans 5:11; Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 4:13; Revelation 19:7, 16*

**BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 2:10-11**

*And the angel said to them, 'Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'*

**BIG IDEAS**

- We rejoice in the King's grace.
- We rejoice in the King's humility.
- We rejoice that the King is the Savior.

**BIBLE STORY: LUKE 2:1-21**

Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem in a stable. His parents laid him in a manger and the angels rejoiced. Angels appeared to shepherds nearby to tell them the good news. God's people rejoiced at the Messiah's coming and they rejoice that the King is returning.

**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 GOOD NEWS**

Write down several good things and several bad things on index cards. Hide the cards around your house and play a game in which your child hunts for the cards. Every time a card is found have your child to identify if it's good news or bad news. Once all of the cards are found, remind your child that we rejoice in the King because His coming is good news.

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

Luke 2:1-21.

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

We find joy in a lot of different things in the world. Sometimes finding joy can be hard and other times it's easy. When Jesus was born in the town of Bethlehem, God's people found great joy in His birth. Joseph and Mary had traveled to the town of Bethlehem to pay taxes. While they were there, Jesus was born. Angels rejoiced and praised God that Jesus was born. They appeared to shepherds who were tending their flock of sheep nearby. They shared the good news of Jesus' birth with the shepherds and the shepherds left to go and see the Messiah who had been born in a stable. The shepherds rejoiced, too, that Jesus was born. God's people had waited a long time for the Messiah to come and now they were filled with joy. Jesus' birth shows us just how gracious God is to send someone to save us from our sin. Jesus came in humility because He became like us that He might save us. We rejoice now at the coming of the King because it means life for us and great hope.

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

- Why did the shepherds rejoice at the coming of the King? (They rejoiced because the King coming meant salvation had come.)
- Why do we rejoice at the King's coming? (We rejoice because the King brings salvation and eternal life.)



As a family, memorize Luke 2:10-11 by creating a matching game from the verses. Write each word of the verses on index cards twice and then take turns making matches. Say the verses out loud together several times.



Plan a way to serve a neighbor or friend this week as a family. Ask your child to help you think of a way to serve your neighbor, such as raking leaves, shoveling snow, picking up something for them, or giving them a gift. Remind your child that the King came in humility, humbling Himself to serve mankind.



Roleplay Luke 2:1-21 as a family. Talk through the reasons the angels rejoiced, the shepherds rejoice, and we rejoice today. Remind your child that God's people rejoice in the King because He is the Savior.



As a family spend time together singing Christmas songs that praise the King for coming.