

JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT
WITH JOY

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH JOY

Revelation 19:7; 1 Peter 1:8-9; 4:13; Zechariah 9:9; John 3:29; 17:13

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

- Jesus' birth brought good news of great joy for all people.
- Jesus followers can rejoice that Jesus is coming again.
- Jesus followers wait well for Christ's appearing by glorifying God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:1-14

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, and He is coming again!

BIG AIMS



Every child should know that...

- Jesus has come and is coming again.
- At Advent, we remember His first coming to anticipate His return.
- We are called to wait faithfully for Jesus.



Every child should feel...

- Longing within their soul for the King.
- Dissatisfied by the things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.



Every child should strive to...

- Wait with purpose for the return of Christ.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who has come and is coming again.



Every child should want...

- Trust Christ 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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Luke 2:1-14

THINK ABOUT IT:

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. Just as the people rejoiced when Jesus came for the first time, we rejoice now both that He has come, and that He has promised to come again. We wait with joy at His promised return.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Why did people rejoice when Jesus was born? (Because He was the promised Savior)
- Why do we rejoice that Jesus is coming again? (Because His return brings joy that will never fade, when we will be with Him again.)



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. When you do, tell them that you are serving them because you want to bring glory to God this Christmas season.



Roleplay Luke 2:1-21 as a family. Talk through the reasons the angels rejoiced, the shepherds rejoiced, and we rejoice today as we wait for Him to return. 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.

As a family, spend time in prayer together asking the Lord to help you rejoice as you wait for Christ's return.