

ADVENT: REMEMBER TO ANTICIPATE JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG FOR THE KING

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG FOR THE KING

Romans 8:19; Philippians 1:23; 3:8-14; Psalm 119:20; 42:1-2; 63:1; Isaiah 26:9; Revelation 19:16; 22:20

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 9:6

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

BIG IDEAS

- We long because we are in darkness.
- We long for the King who is our deliverer.
- We long for the King who is both wisdom and might.
- We long for the King who is both eternal and peace.

BIBLE PASSAGE: ISAIAH 9:1-7

God promised a coming King to rescue His people. In Isaiah, we see a vision of this coming King who will rescue His people and make things right. Jesus followers look forward to the return of this King who will bring with Him new life forever.

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 student should know that:

- Jesus is the one and only King.
- Jesus came and is coming again.
- We exist for Jesus.



Every student 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 student 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 student 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.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to help our son or daughter long for the coming of Jesus. We will pray for ways to model longing for His return and we will discuss ways to help them practice sharing about King Jesus with their friends.

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Read and meditate on Isaiah 9:1-7 this week.

- Consider your own thoughts about the coming King Jesus and how you can share them with your son or daughter. How can you model longing for the return of King Jesus to your son or daughter? How can you help your son or daughter learn more about what life in eternity will be like to help them long for His return?
- Ponder the attributes of the King found in Isaiah 9:6 and how they apply to the needs, questions, desires, etc. you are experiencing in life right now.
- Ponder how you can discuss with your son or daughter what Jesus' birth means to you. How can you share some of the awe and wonder you have that God's Son took on flesh to save the world?



Spend time praying for your son or daughter to have a greater awe of Jesus' birth.

- Pray that they would grow in their understanding of what it means to the world and to them.
- Set aside time to pray with your son or daughter or student this week. As you pray together, pray that the Holy Spirit to help you all to have a greater longing for the return of King Jesus. Pray for opportunities to share this longing with others.



Help your son or daughter memorize verses about Jesus' birth this week, such as Isaiah 9:6.

- Spend time each day helping them review the verses and memorizing them with them.
- Discuss with your son or daughter areas you personally need God to be your counselor, to be mighty, or to help you live in His peace. Ask your son or daughter where he or she needs these things and pray for those things with them.
- Discuss with your student the ways you share with others about Jesus' birth and what it means to the world. Brainstorm ways your student can share with their friends what Jesus' birth means to them.