

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

Zechariah 9:9; 1 Chronicles 16:10; 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 PASSAGE: 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 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.

STUDENT WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to rejoice in the salvation that Jesus' birth brought. We will pray for a greater awareness of the grace of God in sending Jesus and we will practice telling others what the coming of the King means and how it brings joy.

**Read and meditate on Luke 2:1-21 this week.**

- As you read these verses and meditate on them, ponder how you might find joy in the salvation Jesus brings. Consider how your life reveals a heart that rejoices in the salvation of the Lord. How does Jesus' humility bring you joy and help you humble yourself? How does God's grace help you show grace to others?

Consider how you can share the joy of the King's coming with others this week.

- How can you use the birth of Jesus to tell others about the salvation God offers? What distracts you from having joy in the coming of the King? How can you remove these distractions and rejoice always in the salvation of the King?

**Set aside time to pray each day this week.**

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you rejoice in the coming of the King. Pray for joy in the salvation of the Lord and how it has changed your life.
- Spend time praying with your parent or small group leader this week.
- As you pray together, ask the Holy Spirit to help you rejoice always in the salvation of the Lord. Pray for opportunities to share the joy you have in salvation with others.

**Make a list of Scriptures that tell God's people to rejoice always.**

- Use your Bible app to search for verses that mention joy or rejoicing. On your list, make a list of the things that take away from your joy or stop you from rejoicing. Choose a few of these distractions to work on eliminating this week.
- Practice memorizing Luke 2:10-11 this week. Put these verses in a note in your phone or write them on an index card and take them with you. Spend a few minutes each day this week trying to memorize these verses.
- Discuss with your small group leader some of the ways you can use the birth of Jesus to share the gospel with your lost friends. Practice telling the story of Jesus' birth with your small group leader and determine to share the gospel with one of your lost friends this Advent season.