

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS SEEK THE KING

Hosea 3:5; 1 Chronicles 16:10; Mark 16:6; Colossians 3:1; Deuteronomy 4:29; Psalm 24:6; 63:1; Matthew 6:33; Hebrews 11:6

BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 2:36-37

And there was a prophetess, Anna...She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

BIG IDEAS

- We seek the King earnestly every day.
- We seek the King through sacrificial worship.
- We seek the King through prayer and fasting.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:36-38

God's people seek the King earnestly. Anna sought the coming King earnestly by committing her life to serve God in the temple. She worshiped the coming King through prayer and fasting, waiting for the Promised Messiah daily. God blessed her and allowed her to see the Promised Messiah in her lifetime.

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 lead our son/daughter to have a greater desire to seek the King. We will pray with them to grow in their earnestness to see the King and we will lead them to practice worshiping the King through prayer and fasting.



Read and meditate on Luke 2:22-38 this week. As you meditate on these verses, ask yourself these questions:

- How am I modeling seeking the coming King for my son or daughter?
- How can I lead my son or daughter to earnestly seek the coming King?
- What distractions keep my son/daughter from seeking the King in their daily lives?
- How can I discuss Anna's example of earnestly seeking the King with my son/daughter?

Ponder what it means to earnestly desire the coming King. Ask yourself these questions:

- How can I teach my son or daughter about fasting and praying?
- What are some ways that I can help my son or daughter learn how to fast and pray for the King?



Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week to grow in their desire to seek the King and to see Him come.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to a greater desire to seek the King.



Lead your son or daughter to think of ways that he or she can fast and pray this week.

- Help your son or daughter make a plan to fast from something this week and spend that time in prayer. Share with them some ways that you have fasted and prayed in the past.
- Discuss with your son/daughter or student ways to grow in their desire to seek the King. Help them think of practical ways, such as reading God's Word and praying that can increase their desire to see the King. Share with them some of the ways that you seek the King.