

BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT FOR THE KING

Genesis 49:18; Psalm 27:14; 39:7; 130:5; Isaiah 33:2; Lamentations 3:25-26; Micah 7:7; 1 Corinthians 1:7; Revelation 19:16

BIBLE VERSE: LUKE 2:25-26

“Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Christ.”

BIG IDEAS

- We wait patiently for our King.
- We wait expectantly for our King.
- We wait faithfully for our King.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:22-35

God’s people wait for the King to come. Simeon was a righteous and devout man who waited faithfully and expectantly for the promised Messiah. He remained faithful to God and obeyed His commands because he believed God would send the Messiah. He got to see the Messiah because he waited patiently and faithfully.

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.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will ponder how to lead our son or daughter to wait faithfully for the King’s coming. We will pray with them to have a greater desire for the King’s coming and to put on the behaviors that help them live obediently to the Lord. We will lead them to practice being faithful and waiting patiently by modeling what it looks like to wait patiently.

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Read and meditate on Luke 2:22-25 this week.

- As you meditate on these verses, think about the ways you can discuss with your son or daughter what it means to be faithful to the Lord. Model waiting faithfully for the King to come by living in obedience to the Lord and discussing the ways you are obedient with your son or daughter. Consider how you might lead your son or daughter to evaluate their own lives to see how well they wait patiently for the King to come.
- Discuss some of the behaviors and attitudes you put on in order to wait faithfully for the King's coming. Share these behaviors and attitudes with your son or daughter this week.



Spend time in prayer for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray for them, ask the Holy Spirit to give them an awe at the truth that Jesus is the promised King. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide them to live faithfully for God by being obedient to His Word.
- As you pray together, model asking the Holy Spirit to help you live obediently to God's Word.



Discuss with your son or daughter some of the behaviors or attitudes that you see distracting them from living faithfully for the Lord.

- Discuss ways to put off these behaviors and to live faithfully for the Lord.
- Discuss ways to wait faithfully and expectantly for the Lord with your student. Make a plan to help them share the gospel with a lost friend as they wait expectantly for the King's coming.
- Discuss some things you've seen in Scripture that describe a perfectly faithful life. Share with your son/daughter or student how you apply these things to your own life.