

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.

FAMILY WORKOUT:

This week we will consider how to lead our son or daughter to ponder on the joy of Jesus' birth. We will pray with them to rejoice in the salvation of the Lord and we will lead them to practice sharing the joy they have in the birth of Jesus with their lost friends.



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

- As you meditate on these verses, consider how you might help your son or daughter understand the joy that Jesus' birth brought to God's people. Consider how you might model having joy in the salvation of the Lord this week. How can you help your son or daughter rejoice in the King's humility?

Consider how you can discuss with your son or daughter the grace of God in sending the King.

- How can you teach your son or daughter about God's grace this week?
- How can you share some of the ways you find joy in the salvation of the Lord?



Spend time praying for your son or daughter this week.

- As you pray, ask the Holy Spirit to help you share with your son or daughter what it looks like to rejoice in the coming of the King.
- As you pray together, thank God for sending the King and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to share the joy you have in the coming of the King with others.



Help your son or daughter make a list of Scriptures that command God's people to rejoice in the Lord.

- Help your son or daughter make a list of things that distract them from rejoicing or that steal their joy. Make a plan to remove one or two of these distractions this week.
- Discuss with your student some of the ways that he or she can use the birth of Jesus to share the gospel with others. Talk through the way our joy in the salvation of the Lord can help us share the good news of the King's coming with lost people.
- Luke says that this new of "great joy" is for "all people". However, there are millions today who have no access to this news of great joy. Go to <https://joshuaproject.net/> and pick an unreached people group to pray for as a family this week.