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Revelation 19:7; 1 Peter 1:8-9; 4:13; Zechariah 9:9; John 3:29; 17:13

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

- Jesus' birth brought good news of great joy for all people.
- Jesus followers can rejoice that Jesus is coming again.
- Jesus followers wait well for Christ's appearing by glorifying God.

BIBLE PASSAGE: LUKE 2:1-14

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, and He is coming again!

SERIES AIMS



Every student should know that...

- Jesus has come and is coming again.
- At Advent, we remember His first coming to anticipate His return.
- We are called to wait faithfully for Jesus.



Every student should feel...

- Longing within their soul for the King.
- Dissatisfied by the things of the world.
- Awe and wonder that the King has come and is coming again.



Every student should strive to...

- Wait with purpose for the return of Christ.
- Memorize the Bible Verse each week.
- Tell someone else about the King who has come and is coming again.



Every student should want...

- Trust Christ 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 what it means to rejoice in Christ's return. We will pray for hearts that are not deterred by the sorrows of the world, but that find joy in Jesus. We will practice living to glorify Him.

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Read and study Luke 2:1-20 this week. Answer the following questions in your journal to guide your study:

- How does the narrative of Jesus' birth in Luke 2:1-7 fulfill prophecies of the Messiah from the Old Testament?
- What is the significance of the angel's appearance to shepherds? How does the angel coming to the lowly ones reveal God's grace to us?
- What does the angel's proclamation tell us about who Jesus is?
- What should we learn from the heavenly hosts' response?
- What is the shepherds' response to the revelation of God to them? What can we learn from this?

Read and meditate on Luke 2:1-14 this week. Consider the following questions to guide your meditation:

- What brings your son or daughter the most joy? How can you help them find joy in Jesus?
- What does it look like to rejoice in our Savior? How can you practically model this for your student this week?
- How can your family wait for Christ's return with joy?



Pray for your son or daughter this week.

- Ask that God would give them joy as they wait for Christ's return.
- Pray with your student this week, giving God glory that Jesus has come, bringing peace on earth among those with whom He is pleased.



Help your son or daughter memorize Luke 2:14.

- Make a plan for how they can share this verse with someone this week in order to share with them how your family celebrates and glorifies your Savior at Christmas.
- Every day this week, strive to do at least one thing that is outside of your normal rhythms and routines to bring God glory.