

JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG FOR THE KING



BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS LONG FOR THE KING

Romans 8:19; Philippians 1:23; 3:8-14; Psalm 119:20; 42:1-2; 63:1; Isaiah 26:9; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Revelation 19:16; 22:20

BIBLE VERSE: ISAIAH 9:6

“For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

BIG IDEAS

- We long because we are in darkness.
- We long for the King who is our deliverer.
- We long for the King who is both wisdom and might.
- We long for the King who is both eternal and peace.

BIBLE STORY: ISAIAH 9:1-7

God promised a coming King to rescue His people. In Isaiah, we see a vision of this coming King who will rescue His people and make things right. Jesus followers look forward to the return of this King who will bring with Him new life forever.

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 child should know that:

- Jesus is the one and only King.
- Jesus came and is coming again.
- We exist for Jesus.



Every child 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 child 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 child 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.

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LONGING FOR THE KING

Tell your preschooler you're going to bake his or her favorite treat. Allow them to help you make it and then watch the treat as it bakes in the oven. Ask your preschooler what he or she is feeling as they wait for the treat. Talk with them about your own feelings when you're waiting for something you really want. Remind them that Jesus followers long for the return of King Jesus.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Read Isaiah 9:1-7.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

In the beginning, God created a perfect world that was very good. He created people who were in His image and they were very good, too. Sadly, the people disobeyed God and sin entered the world. Along with sin came darkness because sin makes things dark and ugly. God spoke through His special messengers, or prophets like Isaiah to promise His people someone who would make the bad things good again. God promised to send His Son, Jesus to bring light to the dark world. Jesus did come when He was born as a baby in a manger and He made a way for people to be saved, or right with God. This means that when we believe in Jesus, we don't have to pay for our sin because Jesus did that for us on the cross. Not only is Jesus our Deliverer, but He's our true King, too. He is coming back one day and His people long for that day. Before Jesus was born, God's people longed for Him to come. Now, God's people long for Him to return because He will rule on earth forever as He rules now in Heaven. Longing for His return means hoping for it and asking God to send Him back. It means living obedient lives in hopes of Jesus returning soon.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why did people long for Jesus' birth? (They wanted to be saved from their brokenness.)
- Why do we long for Jesus' return now? (We want Him to rule on earth as He does in heaven.)



KNOW

Help your child memorize Isaiah 9:6 by creating a matching game from the verse. Write each word on a card twice and help your preschooler make matches.



DO

As a family, create Christmas treats to share with your neighbors. As you make the treats, remind your preschooler that Christmas means remembering Jesus' birth and how we long for Him to return as our true King.



FEEL

Share with your preschooler ways that you feel awe and wonder at Jesus' birth. Remind them of ways they can feel awe, too, such as thinking about baby Jesus and how He saved the world from its sin.



WANT

Each morning this week pray with your preschooler. Pray that your preschooler would begin to understand what Jesus' birth means for them and how He rescues sinners from their sin.