

JESUS FOLLOWERS TRUST
THE KING**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS TRUST THE KING**

Psalm 9:10; 20:7; Isaiah 12:2; Proverbs 3:5; Isaiah 26:4 (Hebrews 13:8); Jeremiah 17:7; Revelation 19:16

BIBLE VERSE: MATTHEW 1:24-25

When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him: he took his wife, but knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called His name Jesus.

BIG IDEAS

- We trust the King's perfect plan.
- We trust the King with our doubts and fears.
- We trust the King by obeying His Word.

BIBLE STORY: MATTHEW 1:1-25

The birth of Jesus was long-awaited by God's people and meant that salvation had come to mankind. God's people longed for the coming of the Messiah and today, His people long for the King's return when all things will be made new and right.

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 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:**

- 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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GOD WHO CAN BE TRUSTED

Use craft supplies to create a picture of Joseph's dream. Help your preschooler draw Joseph asleep and the angel of the Lord visiting him. Remind your preschooler that God can always be trusted and Joseph showed he trusted God by obeying His Word.

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

Read Matthew 1:1-25.

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

God is a faithful and true God. In the beginning, He promised to send a Savior to rescue us from our sin. God proved that He is faithful by keeping His promises. God chose two people to be a part of His redemption story—Joseph and Mary. When Mary was engaged to Joseph, she became pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph didn't understand what was going on with Mary so he decided to end their engagement. Before he ended it though, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream while Joseph was sleeping. The angel of the Lord told Joseph not to end his engagement to Mary, but instead to take care of Mary and to make her his wife. The angel of the Lord told Joseph that Mary's baby was the Promised Savior. Joseph probably didn't understand God's plan, but he trusted it. Joseph probably felt doubts and even fear, but he did exactly what God told him to do. He married Mary and took care of her. He even named the baby Jesus just like the angel told him to do. We can trust God, too, because God is trustworthy. This means He always does what He says He's going to do. Even when we feel fear and doubt, we can trust God. We show we trust Him by obeying His Word always.

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

- Why was Joseph going to end his engagement to Mary? (Mary became pregnant and Joseph didn't understand how at first.)
- What did Joseph do after the angel of the Lord visited him? (He obeyed God and did everything the angel of the Lord told him to do.)
- Why can we always trust God? (God is always faithful and keeps His promises.)



KNOW

Help your child memorize Matthew 1:24-25 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 a trust chart this week. Help your preschooler think of some way he or she can trust God this week. Perhaps it's by trusting you to provide for them or trusting that God will take care of them while they are sleeping. Remind them that we all can trust God because He is faithful.



FEEL

At the beginning of the week make a promise to your son or daughter. Make sure you keep the promise throughout the week and then at the end of the week remind your preschooler of the promise you kept. Remind them that God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.



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 can always be trusted.