

JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT
WITH PURPOSE**BIG TRUTH: JESUS FOLLOWERS WAIT WITH PURPOSE**

Titus 2:11-14; Leviticus 19:2; 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10; Jude 21; 1 Corinthians 1:7

BIBLE VERSE: 2 PETER 3:11-12A

"Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God..."

BIG IDEAS

- Waiting for Christ's return reveals God's patience toward us.
- Jesus followers are diligent to live holy lives.
- Jesus followers wait well for Christ's appearing by waiting on mission.

BIBLE PASSAGE: HEBREWS 9:24-28; 2 PETER 3:8-18**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!

BIG AIMS**Every child 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 child 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 child 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 child 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.

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Hebrews 9:24-28; 2 Peter 3:8-18

THINK ABOUT IT:

Hebrews 9:28 reminds us of the glorious truth that Christ, who has appeared once to bear our sins, will also appear again to save those who are eagerly waiting for Him. At Advent, we remember that first coming of Christ to anticipate when He comes again. Advent reminds us to be faithful, to eagerly wait for Him by living purposeful and intentional lives for His glory. 2 Peter 3:8-18 describes what this purposeful life should look like. In light of the promise that this world is coming to an end, and the new heaven and new earth where righteousness dwells are coming, we live diligently. We strive toward holiness and toward peace. We know truth, we study it from God's Word, and we stay on guard against false teachers that would lead us astray. We seek to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We live for Him to receive all of the glory from our lives, not for our own glory. We work hard to live holy and godly lives.

TALK ABOUT IT:

- Why does it matter for us to live purposeful lives? (Because Jesus is coming again.)
- What should the Jesus follower be diligent to do? (Live a holy and godly life.)



Work on learning 2 Peter 3:14 as a family using hand signals. "Since all these things are thus to be dissolved (have the children wiggle their fingers in the air), what sort of people ought you to be (have the children shrug their shoulders) in lives of holiness and godliness, (have the children hold their hands open like a Bible) waiting for (have the children sit down) and hastening (have the children stand up and run fast in place) the coming of the day of God..."



Sing songs that talk about the holiness of God, such as the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy." Talk about how Jesus followers should strive to live holy lives because God is holy.



Plan a scavenger hunt mission as a family. You can do this inside, in your backyard, or at a local park. Make a list of things that everyone is supposed to do or find. When everyone is done, talk about how while you were playing, everyone was focused on the mission in front of them. This is how we should live as Jesus followers, focused on the mission that God has given us.



Spend time in prayer as a family, asking God to help you live purposeful lives for His glory while you wait for His return.