WAITING FOR JESUS

SERIES OVERVIEW

Our kids will have many opportunities throughout their faith journeys to explore the nativity story and celebrate the birth of our baby King. But perhaps just as compelling as the day itself is the long-expected nature of Messiah's birth. God had promised a King. The prophets foretold His story.

The weeks leading up to Christmas Day can be a time of vibrant anticipation, of knowing that something worth waiting for is coming, and yet having to wait it out. In this series, kids will celebrate Advent in a new way as they discover the prophecies about the coming Savior from Isaiah in the Old Testament and the fulfillment of those prophecies in the birth of Jesus and the promise of His return.

WATCH the Waiting for Jesus Series Overview Video for a preview of each lesson's Bible story!

ELEMENTARY & PRETEEN SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

Lesson Title	Scripture	Wonder Truth	Word of Wonder
Hope	Isaiah 7; Matthew 1	Jesus Is Our Hope	Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. —Hebrews 11:1
Peace	Isaiah 9; John 14	Jesus Is Our Peace	
Joy	Isaiah 35; Luke 2	Jesus Is Our Joy	
Love	Isaiah 11; John 1	God Loved Us by Sending Jesus	
The Second Advent	John 14; 1 Thessalonians 4	Jesus Will Return	

SERIES INVITATION

I don't know many people who enjoy waiting. It feels like a waste of time. For me, I typically worry that what I'm waiting for will either happen how I don't want it to or not happen at all. I don't like waiting because I don't like feeling out of control.

The worst kind of waiting is when you're waiting on life-altering news.

The people of God have always been waiting. They waited for God to keep His promise to Abraham, for God to rescue them from Egypt, for God to give them a home in the land of promise, for God to bring them back from exile, and ultimately, they waited for the Promised One to come and make all things right.

During this series, we'll read in Isaiah and the Gospel accounts about many of the promises God's people were waiting for Him to keep. And we'll see how God answered His promises in a person. Just as people are today, God's people were waiting for Jesus.

Whether you enjoy waiting, or try to make the most of it, or are just plain tired of it, this series is an invitation to trust that God's people have never waited in vain. Our hope is not misplaced. Our time spent waiting is not a waste. We join in the long line of God's people who waited for Him to keep His promises. And He did just that in Jesus. In this series we are waiting for Jesus!

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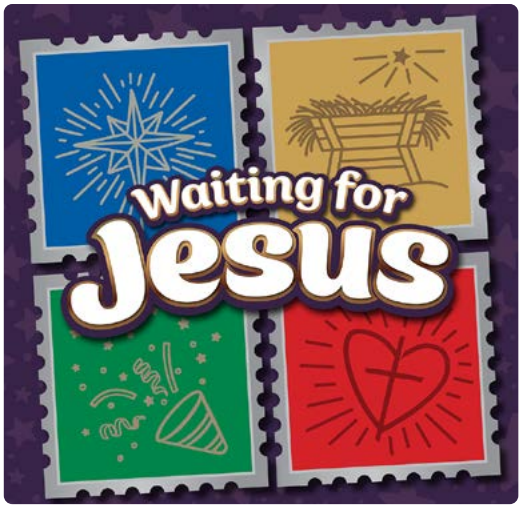

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