



FOR PARENTS

OF ELEMENTARY-AGED KIDS

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Hey, parents! Here's a look at what we're covering with your kids this month so you can help your kids continue growing at home during the week. If you aren't comfortable joining us on Sunday mornings yet, the following pages will give some activities and discussion questions to help you

GROW AT HOME THIS MONTH

WEEK 1 – December 6

This week, kids hear about how **John the Baptist prepared the people** who couldn't wait to meet the long-awaited Savior.

- **THE BIBLE:** Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 40:1-8
- **THE BIG IDEA:** Everyone needs a Savior.

WEEK 2 – December 13

This week, kids hear about how **John the Baptist told everyone that he was not the Savior, but that the Savior was on the way.**

- **THE BIBLE:** John 1:19-28; Psalm 126
- **THE BIG IDEA:** Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.

WEEK 3 – December 20

This week, kids hear about how **an angel appeared to Mary** and told her some strange and exciting news!

- **THE BIBLE:** Luke 1:26-38; Psalm 89:1-8
- **THE BIG IDEA:** Wait and see, God will do impossible things.

WEEK 4 – December 27

This week, kids hear about how **Simeon and Anna had been waiting to see the Savior** for a very long time.

- **THE BIBLE:** Luke 2:22-40; Galatians 4:4-7
- **THE BIG IDEA:** Jesus is the one we've been waiting for.

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH: Micah 7:7 (NLT)

But as for me, I look to the Lord for help. I wait confidently for God to save me, and my God will certainly hear me.

WAIT FOR IT – (ELEM)

WEEK 1 – December 6

This week, kids hear about how **John the Baptist prepared the people** who couldn't wait to meet the long-awaited Savior.

● **THE BIG IDEA:** *Everyone needs a Savior.*

● **THE BIBLE:** *Mark 1:1-8; Isaiah 40:1-8*

Take some time to read these verses together, then take time to answer the questions that follow.

DISCUSS

- What message did John the Baptist have for the people?
- Why did people come to see John? How do you think you would have responded to John's message?
- How did this prepare the way for Jesus?
- What are some ways we can remember we need a Savior?
- How can you make room for Jesus this week?
- Who in your family or circle of friends needs a Savior?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Share a story about someone in your life who has helped prepare you for something. This can be preparing you for school, a big test, a party, etc.*
 - **Why do we prepare for important things in life?**
 - **How did you feel when preparing for something big in your life?**
- *If you haven't yet, take a time to plan your Christmas day as a family. What are you going to do that day? What needs to be done before that day? What are you looking forward to most?*

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- **THE BIG IDEA:** *Wait and see, the Savior will change everything.*
- **THE BIBLE:** *John 1:19-28; Psalm 126*

Read the verses together and then stop to talk about the questions.

DISCUSS

Was John “the Messiah”? What will be different about the Savior when compared to John?

What change would you like to see in our world today?

Why do you believe Jesus cares about this?

How can you partner with Jesus?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Line up on one side of the room, then choose one person to be the leader. Everyone needs to get across the room, but the leader gets to decide how everyone should move, like crab walk, go backwards, hop like a bunny. As everyone goes back and forth, the leader can yell out new instructions for the group, so they have to change things up as much as they want. This race isn’t about winning, but about the challenge of switching the moves to complete the race.*
- *How did it feel to have to “switch it up” over and over? Sometimes, we can get comfortable with the way things are for us. But let’s remember to be open to change, especially when the changes are to help make things better!*

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● **THE BIG IDEA:** *Wait and see, God will do impossible things.*

● **THE BIBLE:** *Luke 2:22-40; Galatians 4:4-7*

Read the verses above. Then pause so you can talk about the questions together.

DISCUSS

- What was the name of the angel that God sent to tell about Jesus?
- Why would Mary have thought that what the angel was saying would be impossible?
- How did Mary respond to the message?
- Read Psalm 89:6-8. What does it mean that no one can compare to God?
- What is something that you are waiting on God to do in your life (or in someone else's life) that seems impossible?
- How can we be more like Mary while waiting?
- Why do you think it is important for us to praise God while waiting for the impossible?

FAMILY ACTIVITY | *What Time is it, Fox?*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Choose one person to be the fox and takes their place across the room from the other kids. The fox then shouts a number between one and twelve o'clock. The number shouted is the number of steps the group of kids take toward them (e.g. for nine o'clock, take nine steps). Once the kids get close to the fox, the fox shouts, "Lunch time!" and chases them back to the start line. The kid who is tagged first has to be the fox next.*
- This game has lots of opportunities to practice patience! If you're the fox, you're waiting for everyone to get close so you can yell, "Lunch time!" and chase them back to the start. If you're listening to the fox, you're waiting for the numbers to be called so you can inch your way closer. And as we've been learning, waiting is super important.

FAMILY ACTIVITY | *Reflection*

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Share about a time when you saw God do something impossible, like healing for someone with a terminal illness or provision at just the right time.*
- **Does anyone have their own impossible story they'd like to share?**
- God is not just a God of the impossible in the past! **Wait and see . . . God will do impossible things** in our lives, too!

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This week, kids hear about how **Simeon and Anna had been waiting to see the Savior** for a very long time.

● **THE BIG IDEA:** *Jesus is the one we've been waiting for.*

● **THE BIBLE:** *Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

Read together from Isaiah 64:1-9, and 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and discuss the questions below.

DISCUSS

- What was the name of the man in Jerusalem waiting for Jesus?
- What was the name of the woman in Jerusalem waiting for Jesus?
- Who promised Jesus would be coming?
- Simeon listened to God and God guided him to the temple on the right day at the right time to meet Jesus. How can you listen for God?
- Anna prayed and fasted while waiting for God. How can you spend time growing closer to God while waiting?
- Who is someone in your life you can tell about God who doesn't know about God yet?

FAMILY ACTIVITY

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Tell a story about a time when Jesus helped you and came through for you.*
- *Sometimes, these moments feel like the part of a superhero movie where the citizens are in trouble, but they look to the sky because they know help is on the way! **Jesus is the one we have been waiting for**, and always follows through when we look to Jesus for help.*