

Waiting for Jesus

TAKE HOME



HOPE
LESSON 1

WONDER TRUTH:
Jesus Is Our Hope

SCRIPTURE:
[Isaiah 7; Matthew 1](#)

GOD'S BIG STORY:
Isaiah reminds God's people of God's promise to send a Messiah, and Jesus—Immanuel—fulfills the promise!

WORD OF WONDER:
Work together on memorizing this verse!

[Hebrews 11:1](#)
Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

Watch God's Big Story



Early
Elementary



Late
Elementary

Listen to
our Playlist



Wonder about it!

What is one thing you are learning about God and the wonder of His big story?

How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

Family Conversations

Families, use this to prompt conversations at the table, in the car, and anywhere else your family experiences life together.

What does it mean to hope for something? What do you think it means to hope in Jesus? (Hope is a confident expectation that God will do what He said He will do. Hope is more than wishful thinking—it's being certain that God will come through.) • Do you think that waiting is easy or hard? Why do you think that? • How do you feel when something you've hoped for happens? • Is Jesus worth waiting for? How do you know?

Interactive Prayer: I Say, You Say

Jesus is our hope! Yet sometimes on hard days we can forget this. Sometimes we need a reminder that we can trust God's promises. As a family, practice repeating truth from Scripture in a call-and-response format. Divide into two groups and go back and forth with each group shouting out the following words based on Psalm 27:14:

Group 1: Wait for the Lord!

Group 2: Be strong and don't lose hope!

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Repeat the lines several times. Invite groups to go to different parts of the home and to shout back and forth as loudly as they can! Or make the chant into a song by singing in your best rock star or opera voices! To reinforce the idea of waiting, encourage groups to pause for a few moments before answering each other. When you're done, talk about what it means that Jesus is our hope and ways you can share this message with others.

Create It! - Paper Snowflake Surprise

God's people didn't know when Jesus would arrive, but they trusted that God's promise would come true. In this activity, your family will make paper snowflakes. Even though you don't know how the snowflakes will turn out, you can be sure something fun and creative will be the result.

To start, fold a sheet of paper or tissue paper diagonally to make a triangle. (It helps to begin with paper squares rather than rectangles.) Fold that triangle into a smaller triangle. Continue to fold each triangle into an even smaller triangle until each side is about 3"-4" long. Cut a variety of designs along all sides. Unfold the paper to reveal your snowflake.

Discuss these questions together: **How did you hope your snowflake would turn out as you were cutting it? What did you think once you opened the snowflake? How do you think God's people felt as they waited for Jesus to come?**