



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. 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. 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.

SERIES OVERVIEW

Bible Story	Bible Passage	Wonder Truth
Hope	Isaiah 7; Matthew 1	Jesus Is Our Hope
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

*Early Childhood

WORD OF WONDER

Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see. —Hebrews 11:1

**Faith is being sure of what we hope for and sure of what we do not see. — from Hebrews 11:1*



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Waiting for Jesus

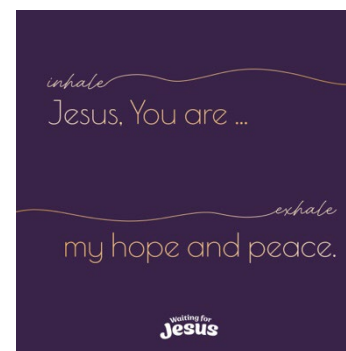
FAMILY WONDER QUESTIONS

1. Share about a time when you had to wait a long time for something.
2. What makes you feel at peace? How can you have peace today?
3. What are you excited about this Advent season?

FAMILY SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Advent Candle Wreath: *Advent* means the coming or arrival of an important person—Jesus. It's a time to anticipate and remember the birth of Jesus. Make an advent wreath with greens in the shape of a wreath and five candles. Place one candle (Christ candle) in the center and the others on the perimeter. Light a candle each Sunday of Advent and read the passages. Pray and thank God for sending Jesus.

- **Week 1—Hope:** Isaiah 7:14, Isaiah 9:2
- **Week 2—Peace:** Isaiah 9:6–7, Luke 1:5
- **Week 3—Joy:** Isaiah 65:18, John 1:1–5
- **Week 4—Love:** Matthew 1:22–23, 1 John 4:9–16
- **Christmas Eve—Christ's Arrival:** Luke 2:1–20



BREATH PRAYER

A *breath prayer* is a word or phrase to repeat in a single breath with one part on the inhale and the other part on the exhale. Breath prayers help us focus on God and His presence with us. Try this together as a family.

Inhale: Jesus You are ...

Exhale: my hope and peace.

