ADVENT

Remember to Anticipate

Advent celebrates and contemplates the coming of Jesus Christ. During Advent season, God's people remember and rejoice in Jesus' first coming to save His people from their sins, and we long with anticipation and expectation for His return.

This week, read passages that describe the glorious realities of our salvation, secured in Jesus Christ.

November 29: 1 Corinthians 15:1–28
November 30: 1 Corinthians 15:29–58
December 1: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–5:11
December 2: Romans 5:1–11
December 3: Ephesians 1:3–14
December 4: Colossians 1:1–14
December 5: Hebrews 9:11–28

Big Truth: Jesus Followers Wait With Anticipation
This week, read about Old Testament saints who anticipated the coming of the Messiah, and consider how you faithfully wait with anticipation for His return.

- **Ponder:** Ponder the appearing of Christ.
- **Pray:** Respond in prayers that treasure and long for Christ's appearing beyond the treasures and promises of this world.
- **Practice:** Be purposed to put to death your love for the present world and love the appearing of the Lord.
- **Proclaim:** Preach the Word at all times, patiently calling one another to hold fast to sound doctrine.

December 6: 2 Timothy 4:1–8
December 7: Hebrews 11:1–7 *(For further reading: Genesis 4:1–7; 6:8–7:16)*
December 8: Hebrews 11:1–2, 8–16 *(For further reading: Genesis 12:1–8; 17:15–21)*
December 9: Hebrews 11:1–2, 17–22 *(For further reading: Genesis 22:1–18)*
December 10: Hebrews 11:1–2, 23–28 *(For further reading: Exodus 2)*
December 11: Hebrews 11:1–2, 29–31 *(For further reading: Exodus 14; Joshua 2)*
December 12: Hebrews 11:1–2, 32–40

Big Truth: Jesus Followers Wait With Hope
Jesus is our only hope. This week, read about different names of Jesus and consider how you faithfully wait with hope until He comes again.

- **Ponder:** Ponder the promise of your salvation that is yet to be delivered.
- **Pray:** Respond in prayer to the Lord's work of salvation.
- **Practice:** This week, be intentional to live like this world is not your home.
- **Proclaim:** As you think about Jesus's return as your hope, rejoice in it with joy that can never be fully expressed. Look for opportunities to talk about your hope this week.

December 13: Philippians 3:12–4:1 / 1 Peter 1:3–9
December 14: Isaiah 9:1–7 - *Jesus is the Prince of Peace*
December 15: Isaiah 7:10–14; Matthew 1:20–23 - *Jesus is Immanuel: God with us*
December 16: Isaiah 52:13–53:12 - *Jesus is the Suffering Servant*
December 17: John 1:29–34 - *Jesus is the Lamb of God* who takes away the sin of the world
December 18: Acts 13:13–26 - *Jesus is the Savior*
December 19: Revelation 19:11–16 - *Jesus is the King of kings and Lord of lords*

Big Truth: Jesus Followers Wait With Joy
This week, read gospel narratives of Jesus' first coming. Purpose your heart to rejoice that Jesus came to dwell among us, and rejoice that He has promised He will return.

- **Ponder:** Ponder the joy found in the presence of the Lord.
- **Pray:** Respond in prayer that rejoices that Jesus came to us. Respond in prayer that rejoices that Jesus is coming again.
- **Practice:** This week, rejoice. You have access to good news of great joy.
- **Proclaim:** This week, look for opportunities to invite someone else into the joy that Jesus offers.

December 20: Luke 2:1–14
December 21: Luke 1:5–25
December 22: Luke 1:26–56
December 23: Luke 1:57–80
December 24: Luke 2:1–21
December 25: Matthew 1:18–25
December 26: Matthew 2:1–12

Big Truth: Jesus Followers Wait With Purpose
This week, read Scripture that sets your mind on Christ's return as you wait purposefully for that day.

- **Ponder:** Ponder the meaning and significance that your life has in Christ.
- **Pray:** Respond in prayers of thanksgiving for your salvation being worked out in Christ. Respond in prayer for strength and endurance to wait purposefully for the return of your Savior.
- **Practice:** This week, take steps of obedience toward the aim of living "lives of holiness and godliness" (2 Peter 3:11).
- **Proclaim:** Be bold to proclaim the truth of the gospel and call others to respond.

December 27: Hebrews 9:24–28; 2 Peter 3:8–18
December 28: Acts 1:1–11
December 29: Revelation 21:1–6
December 30: Revelation 22:1–10
December 31: Revelation 22:11–21