

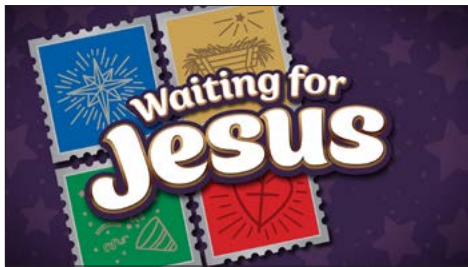
## In God's Big Story

Like God's people long ago, we wait for the arrival of Jesus. However, we wait for Jesus' second coming and have the Holy Spirit with us as we wait. Jesus will return, and one day we will see Him face to face!

**Wonder Truth:** Jesus Will Return

**Scripture:** John 14; 1 Thessalonians 4

### WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



#### THE SECOND ADVENT

[ELEMENTARY VIDEO](#)

[EARLY CHILDHOOD VIDEO](#)

### WORD OF WONDER

Work together this week on memorizing this verse! Use our [motions video](#) or this [video](#) to help you!

#### ELEMENTARY:

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

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD:

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

### WONDER ABOUT IT!

- What's one thing you're learning about God and the wonder of His big story?
- How do you see God's story as part of your own story?

### WORSHIP@HOME

[Listen](#) and [watch](#) from our worship playlists any time!

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## FAMILY CONVERSATIONS

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

- Think about a time when a family member or close friend was away. How did it feel to wait for them to return? What was it like when they came home?
- How do you think that experience is like waiting for Jesus to return? How is it different?
- What is something (or someone) you are waiting for right now?



## CREATE IT!

### It's–Not–Over Mosaic

Jesus promised His friends that one day He would come back and take them to be with Him! For friends of Jesus, death is not the end. We live with the hope of eternity with our Savior! As a family, explore the idea that no matter how bad things look, the story is not over because Jesus will return!

Give your child a red or green sheet of paper and have her tear it into small pieces. When she's done, say: **Wow! It looks like things are over for that poor piece of paper! Do you think there's any hope left for it?** Talk and laugh together about her answer. Then, help her create something beautiful from the scraps. If using red paper, arrange the scraps into the shape of a heart. If using green, form an evergreen tree from the scraps. Together, glue the scraps onto white paper. Your child can add details to her mosaic with crayons or markers.

For older kids, add challenge by giving them multiple colors of paper and inviting them to create any picture they would like.



## INTERACTIVE PRAYER

### Hope Walk

As friends of Jesus, we live with the sure hope that Jesus will return! Take a walk as a family. (Or, if it's too cold outside, look out the window.) Name all the things that look dead but that you know will be filled again with life in the spring, such as grass, deciduous trees, or bird nests. Each time a family member spots one, stop and say this prayer together: **Jesus, thank You that this** (name of item) **will be filled with life again!**

After the walk, use the bolded words as you talk together about what you saw: **A lot of things look lifeless in the winter, but we know they'll be filled with life again in the spring! Life with Jesus is like that. Even when we feel sad and discouraged, we can live with hope because we know Jesus will return, and He is preparing a place in heaven for us!**

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