



WAITING FOR THE KING

SERIES OVERVIEW

Waiting can be hard, especially when you are waiting for something good. For hundreds of years, God’s people waited for Jesus to come. He is the One who God promised, the One coming to make all things right. He is the good and perfect King who will rule forever. There is no one like Him, and His arrival signaled hope and salvation for all who felt the weight of sin and brokenness upon this world. As the everlasting King and Prince of Peace, He is worthy of all worship. In this series, God invites us to meet and worship our true King.

WAITING FOR THE KING EARLY CHILDHOOD SCOPE AND SEQUENCE

| | Lesson Title | Scripture | Wonder Truth | Word of Wonder |
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| Dec. 1 | Daniel’s Dream | Daniel 7 | God Will Send an Everlasting King | A child will be born. He will be the Prince of Peace. —from Isaiah 9:6 |
| Dec. 8 | Elizabeth and Zechariah | Luke 1 | God Prepares the Way for Jesus | |
| Dec. 15 | Mary | Luke 1 | Jesus Is the Promised King | |
| Dec. 22 | Jesus’ Birth | Luke 2 | God Invites People to Meet Jesus | |
| Dec. 29 | The Magi | Matthew 2 | Jesus Is the King We Worship | |

SERIES INVITATION

Waiting is hard sometimes, especially during the “in-between” seasons of life when one door closes and it’s not clear when or how the next door will open. I felt that way after college. Lonely. Aimless. Waiting for what would come next, hoping for something good. Later I realized that even then, God was at work, preparing me for what lay ahead.

This series is an invitation to witness God’s faithfulness to His people—to us! For hundreds of years, God’s people waited for God to act, to make good on His promises, to send an everlasting King to make all things right. And God was at work the whole time, even when Israel was carried off to exile, and even when the people returned home to a land ruled by foreign powers. God prepared the way for Jesus, working through unlikely people in humble places. Then, when the waiting was finally over, God invited people to meet Jesus and worship Him.

That same invitation is extended to us today. Yet we live in another “in-between” time—the time between Jesus’ first and second coming. Do we believe God is still faithful? Do we believe Jesus will come again and bring the fullness of God’s kingdom with Him? God’s big story gives us confidence in the days of waiting. So, keep watch. The King is coming!

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