

### LESSON 5

### THE SECOND ADVENT

#### LESSON AT A GLANCE

**WONDER TRUTH:** Jesus Will Return

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

**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!

**WORD OF WONDER:** 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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**Wonder@Home™**

Designed for families to engage in the wonder of God together at home. This resource includes a video, worship playlists, activities, and more!

## Activity: Music and Clouds

**SUPPLIES:** toy musical instruments, pieces of soft material

Greet the kids warmly and welcome them to church.

**Hello! Welcome to church! We're going to talk today about how Jesus is coming back someday. If someone you haven't seen in a while came back to visit you, how would you feel?** Allow the kids to respond. **What would you do?** Allow the kids to respond. **You might have a celebration or a great meal. You might give that person a hug! You would be excited and happy.**

**It will feel happy when Jesus comes back too. We'll learn today in God's big story about how it will be when Jesus comes back. We'll hear music, and we'll see Jesus coming in the clouds. Let's play music and feel soft things to remind us of the clouds as we think about Jesus coming back.**

Invite the kids to play the musical instruments and make beautiful music. Let them feel the pieces of soft material and imagine Jesus coming in the clouds.

## Activity: Coming Back

**Today we're talking about how Jesus is coming back. He came to earth as a baby two thousand years ago, and then He grew up. He went to heaven and promised He'll come back. We'll learn about it in God's big story today. Let's do an activity where someone will come back.**

Invite the kids to sit together in a group. Choose one kid to go another area of the room (or touch a wall across the room) and then come back. Each time a kid comes back, encourage all the kids to say: (Child's name) returned! Then encourage the kids to clap and cheer. Do the activity until all the kids have had a chance to go and come back.

**It's fun to see our friends come back and return to us. It will be a big celebration when Jesus comes back. We can be excited!**

**Our Wonder Truth today is JESUS WILL RETURN.**

Encourage the kids to do the following motions while you repeat the Wonder Truth. Older toddlers can say the words with you as they do the motions.

**JESUS**—Point up.

**WILL RETURN**—Motion your hands back toward yourself in a “come back” motion.

## Worship

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** songs from the [Waiting for Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#)

**Today we'll learn that someday, Jesus will return to earth. It will be a wonderful celebration for His followers! As we wait for Jesus, we can praise Him and celebrate Him.**

Play songs from the [Waiting for Jesus Early Childhood Spotify playlist](#) and encourage the kids to sing and dance as they praise God.

## God's Big Story

**SUPPLIES:** Bible, baby doll (male, if possible), toy musical instruments (optional)

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** [The Second Advent God's Big Story Video](#), Trumpet Sound Effect, Bible Story Picture (optional)

**Our God's big story today is a great story from the Bible about a how God showed His love for us by sending Jesus.** Encourage the kids to say, "Jesus." Let's find out from the Bible what happened.

Show the kids the God's Big Story Video, read the story from the Bible, or use the script provided. You can also print the Bible Story Picture to give the kids a visual depiction as you tell the story.

**At Christmas, we celebrate Jesus coming as a baby.** Hold a baby doll in your arms (or pretend to hold and rock a baby and encourage the kids to do the same). **Jesus grew up, like we're all growing. Before He went back to heaven, He told His friends He was going to prepare a big forever home for all of His followers. He promised that He will come again one day. He'll come from the clouds, and we'll hear trumpets playing. That's a musical instrument.** Play the Trumpet Sound Effect. If you have toy musical instruments, pass them out to the kids and encourage them to make music. Then collect the instruments again.

**We can wait with excitement for Jesus to come back! Show me your excited faces.** Pause to allow kids to show their excited faces. **Sometimes things in our life can be hard and make us sad. Now show me your sad faces.** Pause for kids to show their sad faces. **Sometimes we can be scared of things. Show me your scared face.** Pause for kids to show their scared faces. **But we don't have to be sad or scared because the Holy Spirit is with us while we wait. So, we can be happy and excited while we wait for Jesus. Show me your happy face.** Pause for kids to show their happy faces.

**When Jesus comes back, there will be lots of music and singing and praise. Jesus is coming back someday, and His followers will get to go and be with Him forever!**

## Word of Wonder

**SUPPLIES:** Bible

**Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#) (optional)

### WORD OF WONDER

Faith is being sure of what we hope for and sure of what we do not see.

—from Hebrews 11:1

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or [Video](#), if using. **Our Word of Wonder for the Waiting for Jesus series is from Hebrews 11:1. Let's practice saying the Word of Wonder together.**

Encourage the kids to do the motions and say the verse with you.

- **FAITH**—Make prayer hands.
- **IS BEING SURE**—Make a fist with one hand and put it down on your other hand (open palm).
- **OF WHAT WE HOPE FOR**—Put your fist down onto your open palm once for each word (what, hope).
- **AND SURE**—Hands on your hips.
- **OF WHAT WE DO NOT**—Hold one finger up and shake it back and forth (“No, No”).
- **SEE**.—Put your hands by your eyes like binoculars.
- **FROM HEBREWS 11:1**—Hands open like a book.

## Prayer and Blessing

After the kids finish the activity, pray with them and thank God for Jesus.

**God, thank You for Jesus coming to earth the first time. Thank You that He is going to come back again someday. Help us to wait patiently and with hope. Help us be ready for Him. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.**

Encourage the kids to hold their hands in front of them, with palms up, as if their hands are open to receive something. Tell them to listen and receive the blessing as you speak it over them.

**Blessing:** God loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus, to earth and promises Jesus will return. May you be filled with hope, for one day you will see Jesus face to face and live with Him forever!

## Activity: Stepping on the Clouds

**SUPPLIES:** white paper or paper plates (at least 10)

Use white sheets of paper or paper plates to make a simple pattern on the floor (keep them close together). **We’re going to pretend these plates are clouds, as a reminder of Jesus coming back and meeting us in the clouds. We’re going to step from cloud to cloud and try not to fall off the pretend clouds.**

Let toddlers take turns stepping from one pretend cloud to the next. To make it more challenging, change the formation of the “clouds” with each round.

**Today we learned Jesus is going to come back someday and His followers will get to be with Him in heaven forever.**