

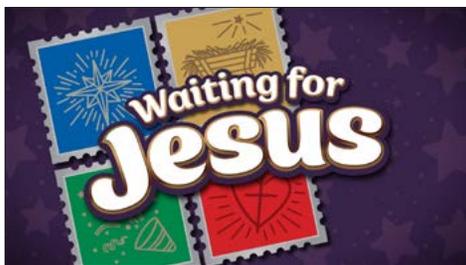
In God's Big Story

God loves His people and promised to send a Savior to rescue them. Jesus—God's Son—is the promised Savior. God sent Jesus because He loves us!

Wonder Truth: God Loved Us by Sending Jesus

Scripture: Isaiah 11; John 1

WATCH GOD'S BIG STORY



LOVE

[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 is one thing you're curious about from this week's part of God's big story?
- How can you live differently or respond to God with what you're learning?

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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.

- What is your favorite gift you've ever given someone? What is your favorite gift you've received?
- Think about each family member. What are some ways each person shows love to you?
- Who is someone outside our family who we love and appreciate? What is one way we can show them love?
- Who (or what) is the greatest gift of love God has given us? Why is this gift so important to us? (*Hint: The greatest gift of love is Jesus!*)



CREATE IT!

Family Gift Exchange

Read the bolded words as you talk together: **When we love someone, we show it! That's what God did when He sent Jesus! God loves us and wants to be with us, and He made that possible by sending Jesus to earth to live, die, and rise again. God loved us by sending Jesus, which makes God the greatest gift-giver of all time! One way we can show love is by giving gifts.**

Have a simple gift exchange in which each family member makes a homemade gift for someone else in the family. Begin by writing each person's name on slips of paper and taking turns pulling names from a hat. Then, give everyone time to create something special for the person whose name they pulled. It can be a drawing, craft, or a fun coupon for "Breakfast in Bed" or "Ice Cream in Your Pajamas."

Exchange gifts and talk about how each gift is a special way of showing love: **How did it feel to give? To receive? How do you think God feels when He thinks of you?**



HANDS ON

Waiting for the "Pop"

About 700 years before Jesus was born, the prophet Isaiah told God's people about His promise to send a Savior. God's people waited a very long time for Jesus, but they believed that what was coming was worth waiting for! As a family, practice waiting for something good by making popcorn over the stove.

Heat three tablespoons of cooking oil on high heat in an 8-quart pot. Add a handful of popcorn kernels (about $\frac{3}{4}$ cup) to form a layer at the bottom. Place a lid on the pan and reduce the heat to medium. Then, wait for the popping to begin! (For safety, only adults should handle the popcorn near or on the stove! Also, keep in mind that popcorn can be difficult for young children to eat safely due to the risk of choking.)

As you wait for the popcorn to pop, talk together as a family: **How long do you think it will take for the popcorn to start popping? What is the hardest thing about waiting for something good?**