

# Family Faith Packet

**Bethany Green Lake | Sunday, December 6**

**Big Idea:** Wait and See, The Saviour will change everything

**Scripture:** John 1:19-28, Psalm 126

## Intro

We're continuing our Advent and Christmas this week called Wait For It. Week 2 of Wait For It is coming up! We're talking about how John the Baptist told everyone that he was not the Saviour, but that the Saviour was on the way. This week's Big Idea: Wait and See, The Saviour will change everything

## Story & Discussion Questions | John 1:19-28

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Explain the different motions you'd like the kids to do while they listen to the story. Tell them to shrug their shoulders every time the Jewish people are confused about John the Baptist, shake their heads "No" every time John tells them that he is not the Savior, and put their thumbs up whenever John tells them about the Savior.*
- Our story this week begins where we left off last week. Last week, we heard all about a special man named John the Baptist, who was preparing the way for Jesus the Savior by telling people all about Jesus and baptizing the people in water.
- Because John was telling everyone around him about the Savior and baptizing them, the Jewish leaders sent people called the Levites to ask John who he was (*Shrug your shoulders*). John explained to the Levites that he was not the Savior (*Shake your head*), but a messenger.
- John told them he was making way for the Savior (*Put your thumbs up*). But the Pharisees and the Levites were still confused (*Shrug your shoulders*). They asked why he was baptizing people if he was not the Savior.
- John told them when he baptized people with water, he didn't really wash away their sin – he just helped people decide in their hearts to ask God for forgiveness. But the Savior could actually wash away our sins (*Put your thumbs up*)! John said that the Savior was coming and they should all be ready to receive his message (*Put your thumbs up*).

## Discussion Questions:

- Who came to question John the Baptist?
- Who are some people they thought John was?
- Was John "the Messiah"? What will be different about the Savior when compared to John?
- Read Psalm 126:3. What great thing has God done for us that fills us with joy, like this verse says? (Hint: What is today's Big Idea?)
- What change would you like to see in our world today?
- Why do you believe Jesus cares about this?
- How can you partner with Jesus?

## Prayer

- Dear God, Your faithfulness helps us look forward to waiting. You help us to patiently expect big changes. Thank You for sending Jesus to change everything! Help us to continue to partner with the Savior to make more change in this world. Amen.

## Activities | Worth the Wait

- **Can you think of something that changes into something completely different over time?** The first thing I thought of was a caterpillar!
- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Give each kid a handful of pompoms, half a pipe cleaner, and a clothespin. Have kids glue pompoms on one side of the clothespin. Open the pin and insert the pipe cleaner, forming the antenna. Then give kids a small piece of colored gift tissue and have them pinch the paper in half to form a butterfly.
- You see how your caterpillar became a butterfly! In real life, a caterpillar takes about nine to fourteen days to become a butterfly. And when it becomes a butterfly, it looks almost completely different than what it looked like as a caterpillar. And it can even fly now!
- Sometimes change happens very slowly and it's easy to get impatient. But God reminds us that waiting for our Savior, Jesus, is worth the wait. When Jesus came to earth, everything was better. That's the message John the Baptist was telling everyone – **wait and see, the Savior will change everything.**

## Game | Switch it Up!

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Start a simple relay race across the room. But the leader has the power to change the way the kids can run! Encourage the kids to crab walk, run backward, run slowly, etc. This race isn't about winning, but about the challenge of switching the moves to complete the race.
- How did it feel to have to "switch it up" over and over? Sometimes, we can get comfortable with the way things are for us. But let's remember to be open to change, especially when the changes are to help make things better!