

HOMELINK

March 20, 2022

MONTHLY MEMORY VERSE:

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!"

- Matthew 11:19 (NLT)

ONE BIG THING: Jesus' followers take courage as they wait for Jesus to come back.

REVIEW: Today we read James 5:7-8. We talked about how "the coming of the Lord" means that Jesus' followers have the best and final "happily ever after" where He will wipe away every tear, death will be no more, there will be no more sadness/crying/pain, and He will make all things new.

We then talked about how hard it is to know that something so good is coming, but having to wait for it (we compared it to waiting for a birthday or vacation). Jesus's followers know that the MOST amazing thing is coming. Jesus is coming back! But he's not here yet, and we have to be patient while we wait for Him.

James has something to say about this in our Bible reading today. He says to "take courage" as we wait for Jesus to come back. James actually gives us a few examples of how different people "take courage" as they wait for Jesus to return. We talked about the farmer, prophets, and Job. All of these people had something in common— *they trusted in God*. And that's what we are invited to do. First and foremost, we have an invitation to trust that Jesus is our Savior. That he has taken on our sin and brokenness, then died on the cross and rose from the dead— all to make us friends with God. Once we believe and trust Him to save us, then we can join the farmer/prophets/Job in the invitation to continue to trust God. We can trust that Jesus is coming back to bring the best and final "happily ever after" for his people, regardless of what happens in the meantime.

SONGS:

"Peace Like a River" by St. John's Children's Choir

"My God is So Big" by Cedarmont Kids

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY:

"Dear God, help us to trust you to save us from our sin and brokenness, then give us faith to trust in you as we wait for Christ to come back. Thank you that you have made a way for us to have the best and final "happily ever after"! In Jesus' name we pray— Amen!"



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