

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
2. Born Thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, Born a child, and

peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
yet a King, Born to reign in us for - ev - er,

Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring. By Thine own e - ter - nal

la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de - sire of
Spir - it Rule in all our hearts a - lone; By Thine all - suf -

ev - 'ry na - tion, Joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
fi - cient mer - it, Raise us to Thy glo - rious throne.

THE STORY

READ THE STORY. EXPERIENCE THE BIBLE.

The Queen of Beauty and Courage



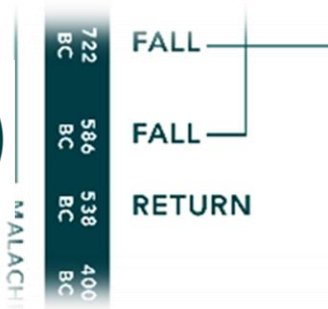
Esther 4:12-17



The main idea of Esther 4:12-17

God raises up a deliverer for His people at just the right time.

The following questions can be used during a family worship time. Take time as a family this week to talk about the Story and what you are learning as you read. The hymns on the next pages are from our worship service. Sing them together as a family during your family worship time this week.



Discussion questions:

If you could be king or queen for one day, what would you do?

When you see that someone is being left out, what can you do?

When was the last time you faced a threatening situation? What was your reaction?

Tell about a time when you faced a situation that seemed hopeless, but God miraculously turned things around. What helped you see God's presence and power at work as you walked through this situation?

As a family:

This week identify a "Mordecai" in your life: a family member, friend, church leader, or other person who has offered spiritual wisdom and guidance in some season of your life. Then do three things. First, lift up a prayer and thank God for placing this person in your life. Second, write, email, or call the person and express your appreciation. Third, tell someone else about this person's spiritual influence.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

• 1. O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come ye, O
 • 2. God of God, Light of Light e - ter - nal, lo, he ab -
 3. Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; O sing, all ye
 • 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je - sus, to

come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come and be - hold Him, born the King of
 hors not the vir - gin's womb; Ver - y God, be - got - ten, not cre -
 cit - i - zens of heav'n a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all glo - ry in the
 Thee be all glo - ry giv'n; Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap -

an - gels!
 at - ed; O come, let us a - dore Him, O come, let us a - dore Him,
 high - est!
 pear - ing!

O come, let us a - dore Him, Christ the Lord!

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