



n:vestigation: Looking forward

Explore It!

Share this story as an introduction. Gabby is looking forward to going back to school, visiting the park and being able to see her friends after the Coronavirus pandemic stops. Barney's looking forward to this too. What are the things you're looking forward to? Let's n:vestigate.

Get Mucky!

Share with your child how at Christmas we can use an advent calendar to count down and prepare for the exciting day of Jesus' birth. Have fun helping them to make their own advent calendars – various templates for this can be found on the internet – perhaps one for a birthday or holiday.

Jump Up!

Play Party Paces. Wrap up a small party gift for your child and place it behind a line. At the opposite end of the room, stand the child behind another line. Then call out a series of paces that they can take e.g. one giant pace, two tiny paces etc. Deliberately take your time so as to build up anticipation. When your child makes it over the other line, they can retrieve their present.



Ask your child how they felt during the game. Draw out how sometimes it can be difficult to wait for the things that we're looking forward to.

Dig Deep!

Share from a children's Bible the story of Jesus' birth or look it up at www.biblegateway.com – it's in Luke Chapters 1-2. Ask your child how they think Joseph and Mary felt as they got ready for this.

What things is your child getting ready for/looking forward to once the Coronavirus pandemic stops? Sit together and place a clock/watch in front of you. Encourage your child to spend time thinking and talking to God about these things, as they watch time move forwards.

Zoom In!

Share some photos of happy memories, such as birthdays and holidays, and encourage your child to draw their own 'photos' of things they'd like to see happening in the future.

Connect

Encourage your child to create a 'Coming soon...' board of all the exciting things they're looking forward to doing and seeing once the Coronavirus pandemic stops. This could be with your family, in their n:vestigate/GB group, wider church or community.