



THE  
Longest  
WAIT

A decorative banner with a torn, paper-like texture is centered on a white background. The banner is light brown and features the text "THE Longest WAIT" in a black, handwritten-style font. The word "Longest" is written in a cursive script, while "THE" and "WAIT" are in a simple, uppercase sans-serif font. The banner is surrounded by numerous small, green, five-pointed stars of varying sizes, scattered across the entire page.



## TAKING IT FURTHER

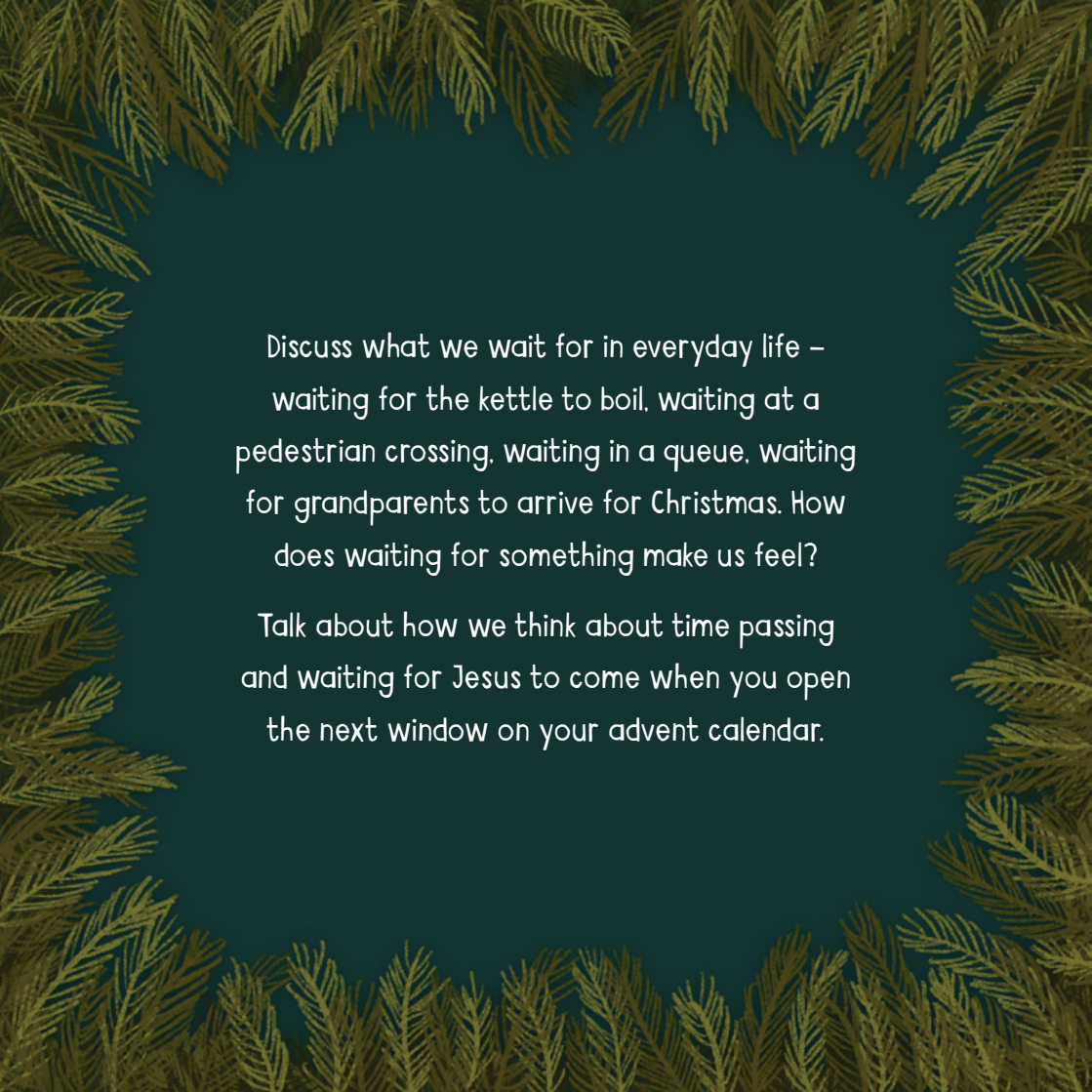
If you'd like to read the stories about Jesus that are mentioned in this poem, then you can look them up in the Bible. You can find Mary and Joseph in Luke 1:26–38. You can read about Anna and Simeon in Luke 2:25–38. Romans 8:19–22 tells you about the whole earth waiting for a better time. You can find the first Christmas day in Luke 2:4–20.



# TALKING...

You can discuss the themes raised in the story with your children to reinforce their learning to help them think about the birth of Jesus. Here are some ideas ...


Talk about waiting for them to be born. Tell them how you prepared for their arrival and how you felt. Why not get out their ultrasound pictures and baby book?



Discuss what we wait for in everyday life –  
waiting for the kettle to boil, waiting at a  
pedestrian crossing, waiting in a queue, waiting  
for grandparents to arrive for Christmas. How  
does waiting for something make us feel?

Talk about how we think about time passing  
and waiting for Jesus to come when you open  
the next window on your advent calendar.





# PLAYING

If you're feeling creative, why not continue to explore the Christmas story through play. While you play you can remind your child of the characters in the story and how they waited for Jesus to be born.

Play any game with a timer, for example  
hide and seek or musical statues.

Bake something delicious and wait for it to cook.

Send yourself a Christmas card and wait for it to arrive.