

Kids Ministry - Liturgical Resources

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 14, 2021

First Reading: Daniel 12.1-3

Psalm: #16

Second Reading: Hebrews 10.11-14,18

Gospel: Mark 13.24-32

Commentary:

Nearly two years of a pandemic has left us all weary in the experience of division, confusion and isolation. It has been a deep form of suffering for many people, but the heart of the Gospel message is that our suffering can be transformed and redeemed. In these times of insecurity and uncertainty, we are called to deepen and enliven our hope in Jesus. The readings from Mark and Daniel points us to the end times, in which Scripture is clear on two things: the end will come, and we will not know the date or hour. But we are called as Christians to be ever watchful and to yearn for His coming. The antidote to the fear and anxiety is the invitation of the Psalms to find our refuge in God. Every moment of our lives is held in God's heart. Our God is with and within us, behind and before us. There is nothing that can remove us from His care. And so, in this season of pandemic life, with whatever it holds for you, live your life in God, and you will keep walking on the path of abundant life.

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Jesus promised he would come again, but he did not say when, he just told us to be ready. He said people would see him coming in the clouds with power and glory, and on that day he would send his angels to gather his people and take them home to heaven to be with him.

Discussion starters:

1. The day that Jesus returns is an important day, isn't it? We don't know when that day will be, but we know we need to be ready for it. What are some important days in the life of your family? (birthdays, anniversaries, Christmas, Easter, 1st Communion, Confirmation are some examples)
2. How do you prepare for important days in your family?
(discuss/remember getting ready for one or more of these important events)
3. Jesus asks us to be ready when he returns. What are some ways, as followers of Jesus, prepare ourselves for Jesus' return?
(doing the things that Jesus would want us to be doing - loving one another, caring for the sick and lonely, feeding the hungry, and helping the poor)

Prayer for Families: God of refuge and grace, help us to stand in the certainty of your presence among us. Teach us to walk a day at a time confident in your grace. In the midst of uncertainty, may we find ourselves walking with you on the path of life, Amen.

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To aid your family in the preparations of Advent and Christmas seasons, check out the Advent Resources beginning this weekend.

Colouring Page and Activity Choices: Pages 2-4 below

THERE'S A GREAT DAY COMING



He will send his angels all over the earth to gather his chosen people together. (Marc 13.27)

Family Activity Suggestions:

The next two weeks as we prepare for the end of this liturgical year, we will hear readings about the end of time as we know it and the returning of Jesus, our King of Kings and Saviour Lord. This week Jesus warns us to be watchful of the signs and to be ready for his return, but that only God the Father knows the exact time and day when that will be.

Below are a few related ideas for family activities, found on Sermons 4Kids by Carol Williams.

CLOUD RELAY: Divide children into teams and run a cloud relay. The CLOUDS can be a few pillows along their run for them to jump over to complete their run.

MUSICAL CLOUD CHAIRS: This can be played just like the normal musical chairs but when the music stops, whoever is having to sit on the PILLOW CLOUD is the one who is out. Continue to play as time allows. For extra fun, the children who are out could sit on cloud pillows on the side lines.

CLOUD MOBILES: Each child can be given supplies to make fluffy clouds to hang from a hanger around the room. Construction paper, markers, cotton balls and words from today's lesson will be needed.

PAPER PLATE CLOUDS: Provide the children with a paper plate and cotton balls to make a cloud. In the middle of the plate, the children can be encouraged to write words from today's lesson to encourage them to live their lives to be ready for Jesus' return!

CLASS CALENDAR: A large colourful poster board can be made and decorated into a class calendar with special events to prepare for Christ's coming.such as READ YOUR BIBLE DAY, SPECIAL DAYS OF PRAYER as children suggest, etc.

POCKET CALENDAR BOOKLET: Each child can be given small squares of construction paper to make into a small book. Markers and stickers can be used to decorate this calendar booklet for important days to remember as class discussion helps for these ideas.

CHALK CLOUDS: The teacher can call on children to draw a cloud on the Chalkboard and to write or draw a picture of some way that we can prepare for the Lord's coming. Continue to fill the chalkboard with clouds as time allows!

SING A SONG: O Be Careful Little Eyes
(to the tune of: When Your Happy and You Know It. see next page)

SHARE A SNACK: Tell children that if they know today's lesson, then they are "prepared" for today's snack. Ask each child a question from today's Bible story and then let them choose a cupcake snack. If the teacher desires, the children could PREPARE their own snack with frosting and sprinkles.

O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See

Unknown

♩ = 112

F Am/C C C(sus4) F F/C

O be care-ful lit-tle eyes what you see; O be care-ful lit-tle eyes what you see; For the
 care-ful lit-tle ears what you hear; O be care-ful lit-tle ears what you hear; For the

5 Bb F C C(sus2) 1. F F/C F 2F F/C F

Fa-ther up a-bove is look-ing down in love; So be care-ful lit-tle eyes what you see. O be
 Fa-ther up a-bove is look-ing down in love; So be care-ful lit-tle ears what you hear.

Detailed description: This is a piano accompaniment score for the hymn 'O Be Careful Little Eyes What You See'. It is written in 4/4 time with a tempo of 112 beats per minute. The key signature has one flat (Bb). The score is divided into two systems. The first system contains measures 1-4, and the second system contains measures 5-8. Chord symbols are placed above the treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with some words split across lines. The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat signs.

Additional verses:

- * O be careful little mouth what you say...
- * O be careful little hands, what you touch...
- * O be careful little feet, where you go...

Motions for the song:

- * "eyes" - point to eyes
- * "Father" - point up
- * "looking down" - shade eyes
- * "love" - give self a hug
- * "ears" - point to ears
- * "mouth" - point to mouth
- * "hands" - hold out hands
- * "feet" - march in place