

Advent 1 – November 29, 2015

Scripture - Luke 21:25-33

“There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

He told them this parable: “Look at the fig tree and all the trees. When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is near. Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

“Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

Lesson to discuss as a family

After Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, he was resurrected on the 3rd day which we celebrate as Easter. The resurrected Jesus walked the earth for 40 days before it was time for him to return to God the Father in heaven. This is called the Ascension.

When Jesus left his disciples and ascended to heaven, he promised them that he would come back, but no one would know the day or the time. The disciples had no idea that his return would not be in their lifetimes, so they were preparing themselves. They were spreading the word of Jesus and converting Christians and growing the Body of Christ. Because we know that Jesus could come back at any time, we need to be ready. If Jesus walked into the room with you right now would you be ready? Would you be proud of the way you live your life?

Activity Banner

The Bible verse tells us that when Jesus returns “there will be signs in the sun, moon and stars” and Jesus will be “coming in a cloud with power and glory.” Use the supplies provided to illustrate this scripture and glue them to your banner on the Advent 1 column. Then write down what your family would hope to be doing if Jesus walked into the room right now.

Family Service

Brainstorm together about ways that you can serve others in the name of Jesus. Jesus came to earth to show us how to live and how to love others for him. Commit to serving in a few ways this week. When we prepare for Jesus to come we are reminded that Jesus had to come to that we can “Go, and make disciples.”