



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Get Ready (Jesus Will Come Again.)

Take Home Point:

Jesus will come again—we need to be ready.

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: What was your favorite possession that you would put in an imaginary suitcase to go on a pretend trip? Will you need that when Jesus comes back to take you to heaven with him? Why?

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Say: Right now we are doing many things to get ready for Christmas. Christmas is our way of welcoming Jesus when he was born into this world and came as our Savior. Everyone name one thing they still would like to do to get ready for welcoming Jesus on Christmas. (Write these on a list.) But Jesus also said that he would come a second time. Then he will take with him anyone who trusts him as his/her Savior. If you had only one day to get ready for his second coming, what would you do? (Add these to a second list.)

READ THE BIBLE: Read Matthew 25:1-13, Jesus' parable about ten bridesmaids, from an easy to understand translation or a story Bible.

KEY VERSE: Luke 12:40, "Be ready, because the Son of Man will return when you least expect him."

TALK ABOUT IT: What were the five foolish bridesmaids missing in Jesus' parable? (*Matthew 25:8. They did not have enough oil.*) What did they have to do since they didn't have enough oil? (*Matthew 25:10-12. They went to buy oil.*) What did they miss? (*The door was locked and they missed the wedding.*) How do you think the foolish bridesmaids felt when the door was locked? Do you think Jesus will come back in your own lifetime?

What did Jesus say in his Word about when he will return? (*Matthew 25:13. We don't know the day or the hour, but we are to be ready.*) What do you think it will be like when he does? (*Some Bible verses to check here are Acts 1:11 and Matthew 24:29-31.*) If you want to be ready for Jesus' return, what will you fill your lamp with?

PRAYER POWER: Light a candle and darken the room. While holding hands, have each person pray about a way they can show readiness for Jesus' return while preparing for the celebration of his birth. Thank God for giving us Jesus at his first coming and for all that we need to be ready for his second coming.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: One way we get ready for Jesus' second coming is to show acts of love in his name. As a family, think of one project the whole family can do that shows God's love. It might be a special Christmas gift or volunteer activity.

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