

DRAW NEAR

And Be Ready!
Acts 1:9-12; Zechariah 14:4

Message: November 29, 2020

Key thought: Jesus promised that He would return to the earth one day.

Parent Helps:

- Invite your child to talk about a special place that he/she has visited. Where did he/she go? What made it special?
- Explain that after Jesus died and rose back to life, He went somewhere very special. Jesus returned to heaven. Jesus is in heaven with God, right now!
- Tell your child that Jesus promised He would not go away forever. Jesus explained that one day He would return to the earth. No one knows when Jesus will return. That's something only God knows! We can look forward to the day when Jesus returns.
- Read Matthew 26:26-30 and Acts 1:6-12.

Discussion Questions:

Younger Kids Questions:

1. Have you ever had a friend move away? How did you feel?
2. How do you think Jesus' friends felt when Jesus returned to heaven?
3. What would you say to Jesus if He returned today?

Additional Older Kids Questions:

1. Is waiting easy or difficult?
2. What can people do while they wait for Jesus' return?
3. How do you know that Jesus will return to the earth someday? (Parent help: Jesus always keeps His promises; The Bible is God's true Word, and we can trust what the Bible says)

Apply:

- Be confident that Jesus is coming again. (John 14:1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:52; Hebrews 9:28; Revelation 1:7; Revelation 22:20)
- Prepare for Jesus' return. (Matthew 24:36; James 5:7-9; 1 John 2:28; Revelation 22:12)
- Look forward to Jesus' return. (Matthew 25:31; 1 Corinthians 2:9; Revelation 21:4)

Activity:

Play a game of Hide and Seek. Count to 10 while your child hides. Say: "Ready or not, here I come!" before searching for your child. Mention that "Ready or not, here I come" reminds you of Jesus' promise to return to the earth one day. Only God knows when Jesus will return, but we know that He will! People should be ready for Jesus' return. We should love and obey God, trust Jesus as Savior, and tell others what we know about Him. We can look forward to the day when Jesus returns!

Pray Together:

- Thank God for sending Jesus and for His promise to return to the earth.
- Ask God to help you prepare for Jesus' return and tell others about Him.
- Pray for the Whitesburg Student Choir, Matt Sloma, and sponsors as they prepare for Hanging of the Green presentations this weekend.

