



## Week of Nov 12 - a

### Scripture: Mt 24:36-44

**Main Idea:** Jesus tells his disciples that no one knows the day of his return, except God. He also says that he will come at a time when it is not expected. From that, we know this world will continue as “normal” until that day. The lesson is, always be ready for Jesus to come back and take us to our eternal home in heaven.

#### Questions

**Preschool:** Do we know when Jesus will return to the Earth? Should we be ready all the time? How do we do that?

**Grade school:** We are waiting for Jesus to come, because He promised that He would one day return. When is that going to be? We don't know! The Bible tells us that no one knows, and it will be a surprise when it happens. We need to be ready! As we await Christ's coming, we can be ready for it by living in a way that pleases Him. We know that He loves us, but we should do things that will honor and glorify Him, like loving and serving other people, practicing kindness, reading our Bibles, praying, and going to church.

**Teen:** Many people have said they know the day the Lord is coming. Is it possible for any person to know that day? What do you need to do to be ready for the return of Jesus?

**Adult:** Did it seem that Christmas would never come when you were a child? Why is it easy for us to ignore something that is “way off?” Do you think that it's easy for Christians to fall into the habit of living more like the world than like Christ because it has been so long and he's not returned yet? How can you keep your mind set on being ready for the Lord's return? What will help you to be alert to the knowledge of his return?

#### PRAYER REQUESTS

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PRAY: For God to help us to always be ready for Jesus to return

#### November Memory Verse:

**Philippians 4:6 (ESV)**  
do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.



## Week of Nov 12 - b

Scripture: Mt 25:14-30

**Main Idea:** Jesus tells a story about a man who left town and gave money (talents was a weight of gold or silver coins) to his servants to invest and when he returned, he would collect the profit. Two servants did what was asked, and the man was pleased. But the third servant was lazy and did not do his master's will. Jesus was teaching his disciples that God expects us to use what he has given us to serve in his name.

### Questions

**Preschool:** Should we use what we have to help others? If you can do something nice for someone else, does God want you to?

**Grade school:** In this parable, Jesus describes the importance of investing. The story of the workers and the talents reminds us that God gives us all that we have and expects us to use our gifts well. Whether monetary possessions or spiritual blessings, we want to use what we have to serve the Lord and help others. Did you know that God gives us responsibilities too? God has blessed each of us with unique gifts, and we are responsible to use them for God's glory!

**Teen:** What gifts or talents has God given you? What are you good at, that could be used to help the church or someone in God's name? How can you use that gift to serve and glorify God?

**Adult:** Jesus tells this parable right in the middle of a whole discussion about his return. We often read it as though we need to use our 'talents' in God's service. Would we have a different understanding if we read it thinking about Jesus' return? Have you ever opted not to do something for the Lord or his Church because someone else would do it? Or have you thought that when your children were grown, you'd have time to be more active for the Lord? Or that when you retired, you'd have more time to do all the things you didn't when younger? What does this parable tell us? We're not all given the same abilities by the Lord, but does he expect us to use what we did get? Will he be happy if he returns before we reach that magic point in our life when we feel we have time to use that ability? What can you do today to be more active for God?

### PRAYER REQUESTS

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**PRAY:** Thanking God for the abilities and resources he's given us and for help to use them to help others.

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