

Hi Parents,

Welcome to **Sunday Kids online!**

One of the negative consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic is that face-to-face children's programs are suspended. But there are also positive aspects.

One of these is that it allows children's ministry leaders to focus on directly supporting parents in the discipleship of their children. Each week we'll resource you in discipling your children in two ways:

- firstly through participating in church together online
- secondly through using the video and family devotions we provide to engage in conversation and prayer together. If your family would like something extra to use during your family devotions time there are other activities too.

Each week you will receive a pack which will typically include a video, family devotions, sermon notes worksheet for children, prayer and various activities for your family to engage with together.

You can use the material on Sunday mornings after church or at any other family devotions time.

Each week (should you choose to) there will be a fun competition for children to participate in.

It is my hope and prayer that this material will help you nurture your children's faith as we partner together to grow your children as disciples of Christ as during this unusual time.

And a tip: I'd encourage you to buy your children a scrapbook and complete some of the 'just for fun' activities to share with each other.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about the material.

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Church with your family

Watch the service online with your family.

During the service sing in your loudest voice along with the Kids Song this week. During the sermon follow along and use your Sermon notes for Kids worksheet (You'll find the Sermon notes for Kids worksheet in the PDF) to write what you learn in all the different boxes. Write down your questions and ask mum and dad to help you answer them.

Video

Watch the video together- Gospel Reading and Reflections for Kids –Mark 13:33-37. The video can be found at the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t-tY5wY3tKc>

Family Devotions

Introduction

Have you ever had a time when you had to be the lookout person for others?

What happened?

Explain a time when you have really been surprised.

What would have stopped you from being surprised?

Comprehension

Read Mark 13:32-37

³²No one knows the day or the time. The angels in heaven don't know, and the Son himself doesn't know. Only the Father knows. ³³So watch out and be ready! You don't know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like what happens when a man goes away for a while and places his servants in charge of everything. He tells each of them what to do, and he orders the guard to keep alert. ³⁵So be alert! You don't know when the master of the house will come back. It could be in the evening or at midnight or before dawn or in the morning. ³⁶But if he comes suddenly, don't let him find you asleep. ³⁷I tell everyone just what I have told you. Be alert!

Jesus is talking about the time he will come back.

- Who is the only one that knows when that time will be? (v32)
- Because we don't know the time Jesus is returning, what does Jesus say we should do? (v33)
- Jesus tells a parable about a master who gives his servants responsibility and tells them to keep watch. Did the servants know when the master was coming back?
- The master told the servants to be _____. (v34-35)
- If he came back and his servants weren't ready- how do you think he would feel?

Understanding

What does that mean about when Jesus can come back?
Should we look for Jesus coming back? Why?

Application

What are some good things that we can do to make sure we are alert, knowing Jesus will return at any time?
How can you help your family or friends be prepared for Jesus to return?

Prayer

Pray for 3 of your friends who don't know Jesus. Ask God to help you to tell them about Jesus.

Activity Pages

(You'll find the activity pages in the PDF)

Younger Kids – Colouring Competition – Scan and email your colouring page to Ali and prizes will be awarded for the neatest and the most creative. Prizes will be posted

Older Kids – Find A Word- Scan and email your Find a Word to Ali and prizes will be awarded for the fastest time and most creative. Prizes will be posted

Craft

(You'll find the craft in the PDF)

"Look Out"- Be alert toilet paper roll binoculars

Just for Fun

Buy a scrapbook.

Each week you can

- Glue your sermon notes in
- Glue your colouring in and find a word in
- Write or draw one thing you have learned from your family devotions this each week (Send

Record your own video of the passage Mark 13:32-37