

May 27-June 2 Joseph Smith-Matthew 1; Matthew 25; Mark 12-13; Luke 21

"THE SON OF MAN SHALL COME"

1. Second Coming Puzzle: Explain that someone important is going to be coming to Earth. We're going to do a puzzle to figure out who it is. Have the puzzle pieces cut out and turned upside-down. Let them choose one at a time, and as they choose them, ask the question on it, read the scripture that has the answer, and discuss them. Once it's all put together, summarize how Jesus lived on the Earth over 2,000 years ago, but He said that He's going to come again. This is called the Second Coming.
 - Sing and talk about "I Wonder When He Comes Again" from the Children's Songbook.
2. Kid Explanation: Share, read, and discuss the simple illustrated explanation of the Second Coming found on the Church's website: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/2002/12/the-second-coming?lang=eng> or use the New Testament video for it (<https://www.lds.org/media-library/video/2010-11-50-chapter-46-the-second-coming?lang=eng&r=1&category=new-testament/new-testament-stories>).
 - To help them see that this is a positive event that they can look forward to, share this from the Church's website: "Discuss with the children how wonderful it will be on earth when Jesus comes again. People will be able to see Jesus, to walk and talk with him, and to have him put his loving arms around them. Point out that after Jesus comes, everyone will be friends. There will be no evil people. We will not need to lock our doors because everything and everybody will be safe. There will be no disease to cause us sickness or pain, and all the animals will be friends with us and with each other."
3. 10 Virgins (I Must Always Be Ready for the Savior's Second Coming): Talk about specific ways we get prepared for different things that we do. For example, when we go to the park, we put on our shoes/jackets/etc. When we go swimming, we put on sunscreen/swimsuits/etc. Tell them to pay attention to the story of the Ten Virgins (Matthew 25:1-13) to see if these people were prepared for the wedding they wanted to go to or not. This link has a great summary with pictures: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/2003/01/the-ten-virgins?lang=eng>. Explain how this ties into the Second Coming. What do we need to do to get ready for when Christ comes? Will everyone get to be there for all of the cool things that are going to happen? Remind them that if we want to be with Jesus, we have to make good choices.
 - If time/interest, do the oil drop activity from cknsratch.com: <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/530cc2fde4b00f4777135b77/t/58157b292e69cf2c64eb788c/1477802795233/p2143handouts.pdf>
 - Could also use real oil lamps to have them share ways they can prepare themselves for Christ. Amazon has some for about \$10 (https://www.amazon.com/Ancient-Antique-Biblical-Replica-Hanukkah/dp/B00NS37EQ4/ref=sr_1_3?keywords=bible+oil+lamp&qid=1558409652&s=gateway&sr=8-3) or there are some links at the end of this lesson plan for making your own with jars or clay. Put a drop of oil into the lamp for each idea they share (go to church, read scriptures, be nice, etc.). Then test it out in a dark room. Talk about how preparing for Christ's Second Coming is something that takes time, but we can do a little each day. Remind them that we don't know exactly when He will come, so it's important to always be ready.
4. When I Serve Others, I Am Serving God: One way we can prepare to be with Christ is to be nice to other people and serve them. Share/summarize/discuss Matthew 25: 31-46. Show pictures in this link and have them explain who each kid is serving: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/2007/09/the-master-served?lang=eng>. Remind them that when they're serving others, it's like they're serving God. You can put these pictures together in a mobile to hang and remind them to look for ways to serve and that when they serve others, they're serving God.
5. I Can Use My Talents to Help the Lord and Others: Share/briefly summarize the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30). Have each person write their name above the person outline. Family members (or class members if you're doing this with primary) take turns writing one talent other people have on those people's papers (kind, happy, helpful, smart, good at listening to scriptures, etc.). For younger kids, adults can write talents for them and tell them what it says. Talk about how these talents can help them and others around them prepare to see the Lord and help make the world a better place. They can also color the person to look like themselves.
6. Preparing for Jesus Board Game: (from The Friend <https://www.lds.org/manual/primary-2/lesson-43?lang=eng>) Give each child a small object to use as a marker in the game. Then explain the following rules:

- The object of the game is to get from the arrow marked “Start” to the area labeled “Preparing for Jesus to Come.”
 - Take turns rolling a die.
 - As you land on a square, an adult will read aloud what is written on the square. Tell something you can do to follow this teaching, or explain why it is important to do the thing described on the square. If you land on a square that describes a wrong thing, explain what you should do instead of what is written on the square.
 - The arrow on each square indicates which direction to go on your *next* turn.
 - When someone lands on a square that points away from “Preparing for Jesus to Come,” help the children understand that when we do wrong things we are not following Jesus’ teachings, but we can change directions by doing what is right.
 - Play the game until everyone has made it to “Preparing for Jesus to Come.”
 - End by sharing testimonies of how amazing it will be when Christ is on the Earth again and how it’s important to do everything we can now to serve God and others so we can be prepared to be with Him.
7. Treat (cloud divinity): Make divinity to remind that Christ will come in the clouds for His Second Coming. Easy microwave recipe here: <https://thesouthernladycooks.com/2012/12/05/easy-christmas-divinity/>. This recipe also looks like it could be good: <https://themombob.wordpress.com/2018/12/04/forgotten-cookies-like-biting-into-a-cup-of-hot-chocolate-topped-with-whipped-cream/>. You have to leave the ones in the second recipe in the oven overnight, but you could use that to make a comparison to waiting for the Second Coming.

Additional Ideas:

Homemade oil lamps in a jar- <https://www.littlehouseliving.com/olive-oil-candles.html>

Homemade oil lamps with clay- <http://www.cranialhiccups.com/2012/03/homemade-clay-oil-lamps.html>

3D Paper Craft Lamp: <http://www.ldsfamilyfun.com/media/PDFs/fhe/preparednessact.pdf>

Paper Lamp and Oil Drops to Write On: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/1995/09/sharing-time-i-believe-that-jesus-will-come-again?lang=eng>

I Can Be Ready When Jesus Comes Again Tube: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/2001/12/sharing-time-what-a-joyful-day?lang=eng>

I Can Add Oil to My Lamp Each Week By... <https://cknsratch.com/primary2/2014/11/7/jesus-christ-will-come-again>

Second Coming Picture Box: <https://www.lds.org/study/friend/1999/12/sharing-time-when-he-comes-again?lang=eng>

Service Ideas for Toddlers: <https://karacarrero.com/25-acts-of-service-ideas-toddlers/>

Secret Service Activity: <https://www.melissaanddoug.com/blogpost?postId=the-secret-service-activity-a-lesson-in-kindness>

What are some signs
of His coming?
Mark 13:24-25
Matthew 24:6-7, 11-14

Who Will See It?
Isaiah 40:5
Revelation 1:7



When?
Mark 13:32-33

Where?
Mark 13:26

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