

Year C - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 12:35-40

Let your light shine!



This prayer invites the children to respond to Jesus' message to 'be ready and keep your lamps burning'. It could follow on well from the activity on the previous page.

'We will be ready and keep our lamps burning!'

Create a focus space for prayer using the key words of the scripture (alternatively, you might simply use a cross and cloths?). Give each child a battery operated tea light candle but have them leave it unlit.

Together make the Sign of the Cross and orientate the children to pray by reflecting on what Jesus is encouraging us to do in the scripture... When Jesus asks us to do something, it's always for a good reason. It's always because he loves us and wants us to be in relationship with him... When Jesus asks us to do something, we are invited to respond.

What could we say to Jesus in response? (Get some ideas from the kids and decide together on a response. It could be something like 'Jesus, help me to keep my lamp burning', or 'Jesus, help me to always be ready for you').

Finally, invite the children to light their battery operated tea light candle in turn and place it in the focus space for prayer. Invite them to say the response they have created together as they do this.

Finish your time of prayer with the Sign of the Cross.

