

Year A - First Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24: 37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.



Jesus said to his disciples:

"When the Son of Man appears,
things will be just as they were when Noah lived.
People were eating, drinking, and getting married
right up to the day that the flood came
and Noah went into the big boat.
They didn't know anything was happening
until the flood came and swept them all away.
That is how it will be when the Son of Man appears.

"Two men will be in the same field,
but only one will be taken.

The other will be left.

Two women will be together grinding grain,
but only one will be taken.

The other will be left.

"So be on your guard!

You don't know when your Lord
will come.

Homeowners never know when a
thief is coming,
and they are always on guard to
keep one from breaking in.

Always be ready!

You don't know when the Son of
Man will come."



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What did Noah need to get ready?



- Introduction**
- Jesus reminded the people around him about Noah's story because he wanted them all to know how important it is to be ready for the coming of God.

Message *Have a look at the activity, you may want to include the activity as a part of your sharing.*

- What would Noah need to get ready for the flood? Discuss this with the children and ask them what they would bring on the Ark.
- Jesus used the story of Noah to tell the people it was important to be ready for when God comes.
- What is happening in 4 weeks time? It's Christmas! It's when we celebrate when Jesus was born and came to the earth. From now until Christmas, it's Advent. It's a season in the Church where we prepare ourselves for something big - we get ready. Advent is all about getting ready for Christmas. That's why when you look in the Church will see things have changed, there will be purple cloths and an Advent wreaths. These are symbols to help us remember to prepare ourselves.
- So what are some ways we can prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ?



Discussion Questions

- What are ways your family gets ready for Christmas?
- What do you know about Advent?
- Who has a baby brother or sister? What do you remember about when your family got ready for their birth.
- What ways will you get ready for Christmas after today?