

Year B - First Sunday of Advent

Mark 13:33-37

Getting 'heaven ready'



Have a chat with the children about what they can do now to prepare for eternal life. We don't need to take anything with us, but now is the time to prepare because Jesus told us to 'be ready!'

Our life here on earth gives us the perfect opportunity to prepare for life in heaven with Jesus!

This suitcase activity is a fun way to invite the children to focus on some things in their day-to-day life that will help them be 'heaven ready' when Jesus comes again.

You will need:

- Small suitcase
- Pens/pencils
- A5 (or other small) paper

Instructions:

- Discuss with the children the things that we might do to prepare for a big trip.
- Sometimes it might mean packing certain things we will need and other times it might mean preparing in special ways. For example:
 - Sometimes we might get certain vaccinations.
 - Sometimes we might have to practice walking long distances, even carrying a heavy pack.
- So what might we do during our earthly life, to prepare for our heavenly life ahead?

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- Invite the children to share their ideas.
- After generating some discussion, provide the children with an opportunity to write down other ideas on the paper provided.
- Then invite the children back to the big group to share together. As each child shares their idea, invite them to place their paper in the suitcase.

