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**Day 1—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . Jesus is coming back for us. |
| **Faith Verse** |
| John 14:3 (NLT)  “When everything is ready, I will come and get you,  so that you will always be with me where I am.” |
| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 13:** Jesus is coming soon. Jesus will come again for all His followers—both those who are alive and those who have died. |

**Question of the Day: Can Christians know when Jesus will return?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read John 14:3; Acts 1:9–11.

Jesus promised His disciples that He would return one day and take them to be with Him. Two angels also let the disciples know the truth of Jesus’ return. Jesus didn’t say when He would come back, and no human has that information (Acts 1:6–7). While we can’t know when Jesus will return, we do know that Jesus is preparing a place for His followers to live with Him. He will return when everything is ready.

**Question**

In John 14:3, when did Jesus tell His disciples He would return for them?

**Answer:** He will return when everything is ready.

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**Question**

What did the angels promise about Jesus’ return?

**Answer:** They promised that He would return someday in the same way the disciples saw Him go into heaven.

**Question**

According to John 14:3, why will Jesus return for His followers?

**Answer:** He will return so they can be with Him forever.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

How do you think the disciples felt as they watched Jesus go away into heaven?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**Question**

What in your life might need to change to be more ready for Jesus’ return?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear Jesus, thank You that You are coming back for Your people so we can live with You forever. Amen.

**Day 2—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
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| **Foundation for Faith** |
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**Question of the Day: How should Christians wait for Jesus’ return?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read Matthew 24:44; 25:1–9.

In Jesus’ story, five of the young women were prepared for the groom’s arrival, but five of them weren’t ready. They didn’t bring enough oil and tried to find some to purchase in the middle of the night. This story tells us that we can’t know when Jesus will return. So, we should be prepared at all times. Being ready for Jesus’ return means first asking Jesus to forgive us for the wrong things we’ve done and then living in ways that please Him.

**Question**

In Jesus’ story in Matthew 25, who does the groom represent? Who do the young women represent?

**Answer:** The groom represents Jesus. The young women represent His followers.

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**Question**

Why could the five young women with oil not share it with the others?

**Answer:** If they shared, there wouldn’t be enough oil for everyone to be ready for the groom’s arrival.

**Question**

When should Christians be ready for Jesus’ return?

**Answer:** We should be ready all the time.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

How can Christians be ready for Jesus to return?

**Answer:** Being ready for Jesus’ return means first asking Jesus to forgive us for the wrong things we’ve done and then living in ways that please Him.

**Question**

Are you ready for Jesus’ return? Why or why not?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear God, please help me to live each day ready for Jesus’ return so that I can be with You forever. Amen.

**Day 3—FAMILY DEVOTIONS**

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| **Faith Fact** |
| We believe that . . . Jesus is coming back for us. |
| **Faith Verse** |
| John 14:3 (NLT)  “When everything is ready, I will come and get you,  so that you will always be with me where I am.” |
| **Foundation for Faith** |
| **Foundation 13:** Jesus is coming soon. Jesus will come again for all His followers—both those who are alive and those who have died. |

**Question of the Day: What will happen to Christians when Jesus returns?**

**LISTEN to God through His Word**

Pray and ask God to speak to you before you read today’s Scripture.

Read 1 Thessalonians 4:15–17.

Sometimes people worry that they might miss the return of Jesus, but the Bible promises Christians will be able to hear Jesus’ loud voice and a heavenly trumpet announcing His return clearly. Believers who have died will rise, followed quickly by those who are living. All of us who are His followers will meet Jesus in the clouds. From that time on, Christians will enjoy eternal life in Jesus’ presence.

**Question**

What sounds will alert believers to Jesus’ return?

**Answer:** The Lord’s shout and the trumpet of God

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**Question**

Who will rise to meet Jesus first?

**Answer:** The believers who have died will rise first.

**Question**

After believers meet Jesus in the clouds, what will happen to them?

**Answer:** They will be with the Lord forever.

**LIVE God’s Word**

**Question**

Based on these verses, what would you tell a Christian friend who is worried about missing Jesus’ return?

**Answer:** Jesus’ voice and the trumpet will be loud, so believers can’t miss His return.

**Question**

Why should Christians be excited to live with God forever?

**Answer:** Answers will vary.

**PRAY about It**

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your promise to return. I can’t wait to live with You forever. Amen.