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**Day 1**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus is coming back.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: How do you feel when something happens that you don’t expect?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** Matthew 24:35–44

If you knew the day or time that something was going to happen, like a birthday party or even something bad, like a weather disaster, you would be prepared and ready for it. As believers in Jesus, one of the biggest things we are waiting for is Jesus coming back. We should be so excited about this! We know that Jesus has promised that He will come back someday, but no one but His Father knows the day or time.

Because we don’t know the day or time, what should we do while we wait for that day? We should make sure we are doing everything we can to tell other people—our friends, family, and neighbors—about Jesus and His gift of salvation. We need to be ready for Jesus to come back. We should make the most of our time until then, growing closer in our relationship with Him.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** Why should you be ready for Jesus to return at any time?  **Answer 1.** Because He may come when you’re not expecting it, and you need to be ready (Matthew 24:44) |
| **Question 2.** According to the Scripture we read, how will the day that Jesus returns be like “Noah’s day”?  **Answer 2.** In Noah’s time, people didn’t realize what was coming. Then when the Flood came, it was too late because they weren’t ready. (Matthew 24:37–39) |
| **Question 3.** What would a homeowner do if he knew exactly when a burglar was coming?  **Answer 3.** He would keep watch and not permit his house to be broken into. (Matthew 24:43) |
| **Question 4.** What can we learn from the homeowner example?  **Answer 4.** We also must be ready all the time for Jesus to return. (Matthew 24:44) |
| **Question 5.** What are things we should do daily as we wait for Jesus to come back?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for the promise that someday Your Son Jesus will come back to earth. While I’m waiting for His return, I pray that I will grow in my walk with You. God, I pray that I will be wise and not like the people of Noah’s day. Help me to become the person You have called me to be. Amen.

**Day 2**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus is coming back.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: What is something you do when you wait for something?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 2 Peter 3:8–13

Only God the Father knows what day and time Jesus will come back, but we have the promise that Jesus will come back someday. Some people say that Jesus won’t ever come back. But we know that God’s Word is true, and it gives us the promise of His return. While we wait for His return, we have the job of telling others about Jesus. Second Peter 3:9 says God is patient because He wants all people to hear about Jesus and have the opportunity to accept Him as their Lord and Savior.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** If someone says that Jesus is too slow in returning, what can you tell them?  **Answer 1.** “The Lord isn’t really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.” (2 Peter 3:9) |
| **Question 2.** What can you answer when someone says that Jesus is not going to return at all?  **Answer 2.** Answers may vary. You can tell them about your relationship with Him that is built on trust and on what He has done in your life. |
| **Question 3.** What can you do while we wait for Jesus to return?  **Answer 3.** Tell others about Jesus! |
| **Question 4.** What are Christians looking forward to, according to 2 Peter 3:13?  **Answer 4.** “The new heavens and new earth he has promised, a world filled with God’s righteousness” (2 Peter 3:13) |
| **Question 5.** Who is someone you can tell about Jesus this week?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for the promise of Your Son Jesus’ return. God, there are so many people who don’t know about You. I pray that while we wait for Jesus to come back, that we will do our part in telling others about You. May more and more people hear about You and choose to follow You. Amen.

**Day 3**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus is coming back.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: What do you think heaven is like?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

These verses are filled with hope. They tell us how to think about other Christians who have died: We’ll see them again when Jesus comes back! Because Jesus died and was raised back to life, He defeated death. This means we can trust God for life with Him after death. People who put their faith in Jesus get to spend eternity with Him after they die. This is why we can have hope that we will see them again. These verses tell people to encourage each other with these words—and there is much to be encouraged about today.

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** When believers die and we are sad, we can still have hope. Why?  **Answer 1.** Because we will see them again (1 Thessalonians 4:13–14) |
| **Question 2.** What will happen to believers who have died?  **Answer 2.** They will be with Jesus. (1 Thessalonians 4:14) |
| **Question 3.** What are some things that 1 Thessalonians 4:16 says will happen when the Lord returns?  **Answer 3.** “For the Lord himself will come down from heaven with a commanding shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet call of God. First, the believers who have died will rise from their graves.” (1 Thessalonians 4:16) |
| **Question 4.** How long will the believers be with the Lord?  **Answer 4.** Forever (1 Thessalonians 4:17) |
| **Question 5.** What do you think that day will be like when Jesus returns?  **Answer 5.** Answers may vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for the promise that we will see our loved ones who are believers again. I thank You that Jesus overcame death. God, I thank You for the hope we find in You alone. Amen.

**Day 4**

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| **Faith Fact**  Jesus is coming back.  **Faith Verse**  1 Corinthians 2:9 (NLT)  “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”  **Question of the Day: Have you told someone that Jesus died for them?** |

**Read about It**

**Read:** 1 Corinthians 15:50–58

Did you know that nothing you do for Jesus is ever useless? These verses explain why: Jesus is still alive! He defeated death so that we can live with Him forever. Death can seem like a loss, but it will not be a loss for people who know Jesus. It will be a victory, because then we get to live with Him forever in new bodies that don’t die. We can have faith that this will happen because we know that Jesus has already defeated death. So we can be strong because victory is on the way. We can tell other people what Jesus did for them. Then they can know true victory, too!

**Talk about It**

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| **Question 1.** What does 1 Corinthians 15 say will happen to our bodies?  **Answer 1.** They will be changed into ones that can live forever. (1 Corinthians 15:51–53) |
| **Question 2.** How can we have victory over both sin and death?  **Answer 2.** By accepting Jesus’ death for our sins and His victory over the grave (1 Corinthians 15:57) |
| **Question 3.** What challenge for us is found in 1 Corinthians 15:58?  **Answer 3.** To be strong and immovable and to always work enthusiastically for the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58) |
| **Question 4.** Why is nothing we do for the Lord useless?  **Answer 4.** Answers may vary. |
| **Question 5.** How can the Lord use you?  **Answer 5.** Answers will vary. |

**Pray about It**

Dear God, thank You for giving us ultimate victory in Jesus and in what He did on the Cross. I pray that You will use my life so that others will come to know who You are. Amen.