

LIFE OF CHRIST
from the gospel of
Luke

Lesson 34

Always Be Ready

Luke 12:35-48;
21:25-36

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Younger Verse

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Older Verse

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Bible Story



*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Jesus had been teaching His followers about what is really important. Jesus taught that we shouldn't worry about the things we have. Instead, we should think about how to please God and have a good relationship with Him.

Jesus knew that people's time on this earth doesn't last forever. In fact, it really doesn't last that long! That's why it is more important to think about eternity—spending forever with God. We need to make sure we are ready for Jesus' return. We get ready by accepting Christ into our life and then following Him and obeying Him.

Jesus told His disciples to “be dressed for service and well prepared, as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding feast.” Jesus said that the Master may come in the middle of the night or at dawn. No one knows. But He said that those who are prepared for Him to come back will be rewarded.

Then Jesus compared His return to a thief breaking into a house. If the homeowner knew what time the thief was coming, he would not allow his house to be broken in to. Jesus said, “You must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected.”

On another occasion, Jesus taught about what will happen before His return. He told us things to look for. He said there will be strange happenings in the sky—things will happen to the sun, moon, and stars. He said strange things will happen on the earth as well. Many people will be afraid at all that will happen.

After all of those things happen, Jesus will return! Jesus said He will come on the clouds “with great power and authority.” Jesus said when we begin to see all of these signs happening, we should look up and be ready.

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Lesson Goals

Learn that Jesus told His disciples about His return

Learn that we need to be ready for Jesus' return

Learn how to be ready for Jesus' return

you know that the summer is coming. Jesus said in the same way, when we see those events start to happen, we can know that His return is very soon. Jesus also said, “Heaven and earth may disappear, but my words will remain forever.”

Jesus warned His disciples to be ready for His return. He said we must watch and pray. We want Him to find us faithfully doing His work.

So how do we get ready for Jesus to come back? The first thing to do is invite Jesus to be Lord of your life. He will come into your life and save you from your sins. Then you are His child. Once you are Jesus’ follower, you need to grow to know Him better by praying, reading the Bible, and going to Bible study and church. We can try to make choices that will make Jesus happy.

What do you want to be doing when Jesus comes back? Let’s live every day as if He were coming back, because it just might be today!

Review Questions

1. What did Jesus say would happen before His return? (strange events in the sky and on the earth)
2. How did Jesus compare a fig tree to the signs of His return? (When you see the leaves coming out, you know summer is coming. When we see the signs Jesus talked about, we will know He will come back soon.)
3. How do we get ready for Jesus’ return? (Accept Him into our life; live our lives to please Him.)

Life Application

God’s Word tells us that one day, every knee will bow and every tongue will say that Jesus is Lord (Philippians 2:10-11). When Jesus returns, everyone will recognize that He is the King of Kings. But why wait to bow before Him and say He is our Lord? We can make Jesus the Lord of our life NOW.

How do you make Jesus the Lord of your life? When you accept Him into your life, you give Him control of your life. He helps you to make good choices and obey His commands. That is making Jesus Lord of your life.

When Jesus returns, if He is already Lord of your life, you will be ready to worship Him, and He will take you with Him to Heaven!

Planning for Lesson 35
Mustard Seed and Yeast
Luke 13:18-21

Preschool Lesson for Always Be Ready

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**Hands-on Activities
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Play the game “What time is it, Mr. Wolf?” One child is the “Wolf.” The other children ask Mr. Wolf what time it is and then take that many steps toward the wolf. When they get close to the wolf, Mr. Wolf calls out “Feeding Time!” and chases the players. Remind students that we don’t know the time when Jesus will return, so we have to be ready all the time.

Sing “Do, Lord” and talk about what they think it will be like when Jesus comes back.

Bring cotton balls and construction paper. Have kids glue the cotton balls to make clouds. Then draw Jesus in the clouds. They can draw themselves on the earth. Talk about whether they are ready for Jesus to come.

Bring binoculars. Take the kids outside to look at the sky. Pass around the binoculars. Ask the kids if they think Jesus might come back today and what they would do if He did. Would He take them with Him? Why or why not? Explain that we can know we are going to Heaven if we have accepted Jesus as our Savior and Lord.

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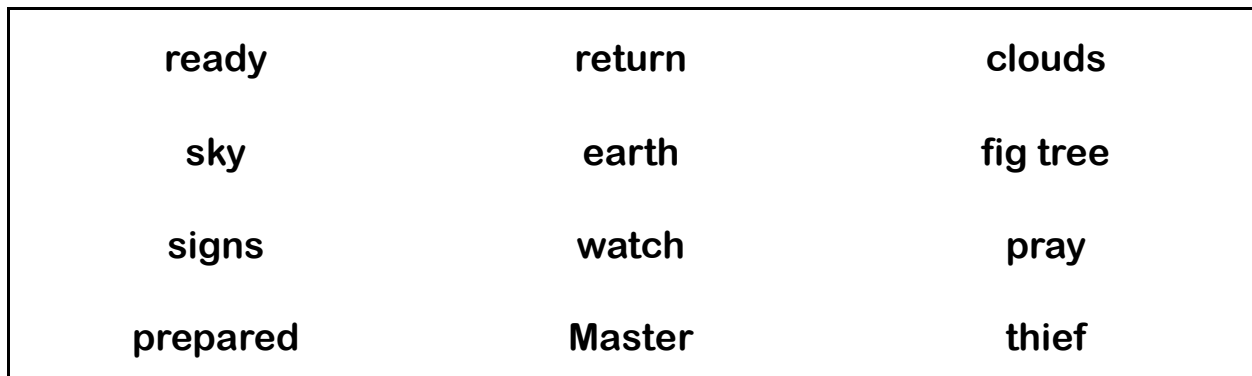
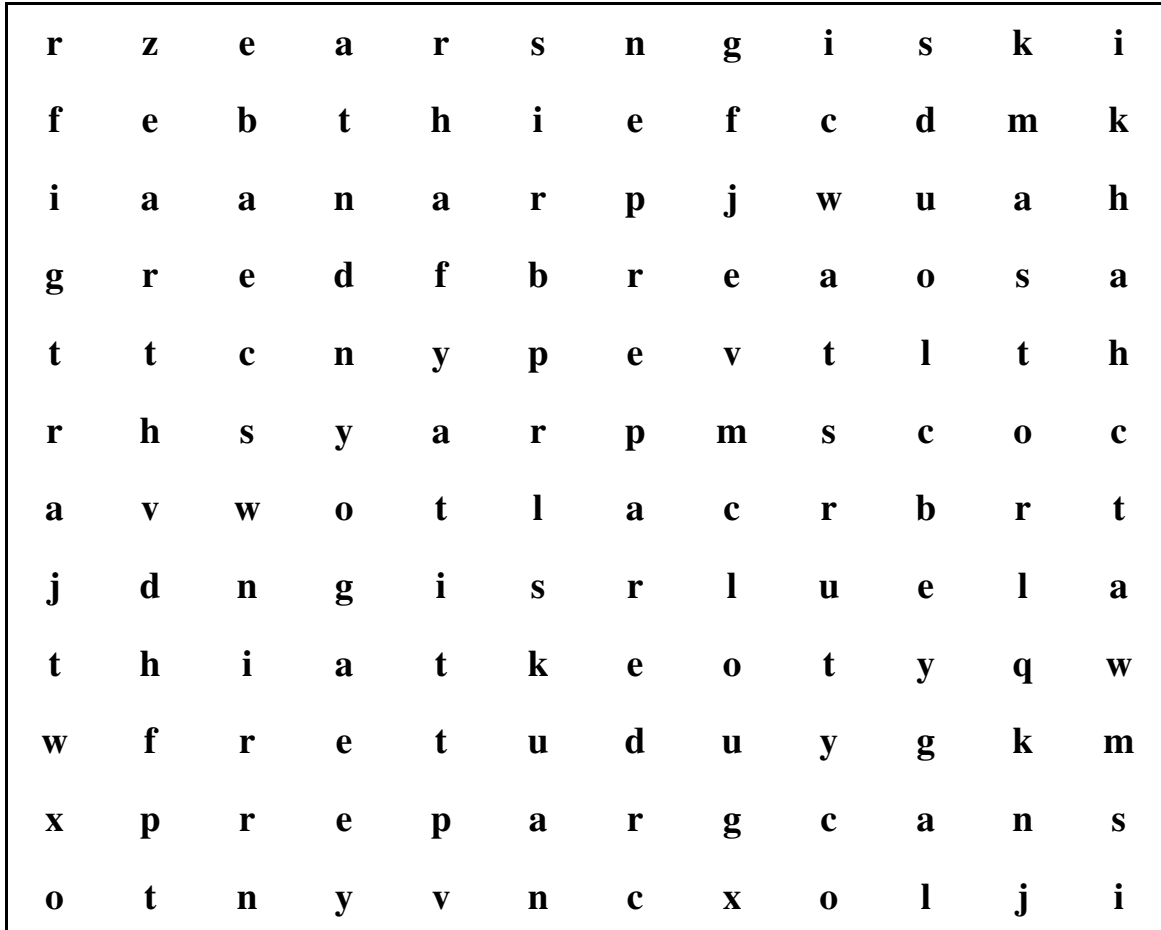
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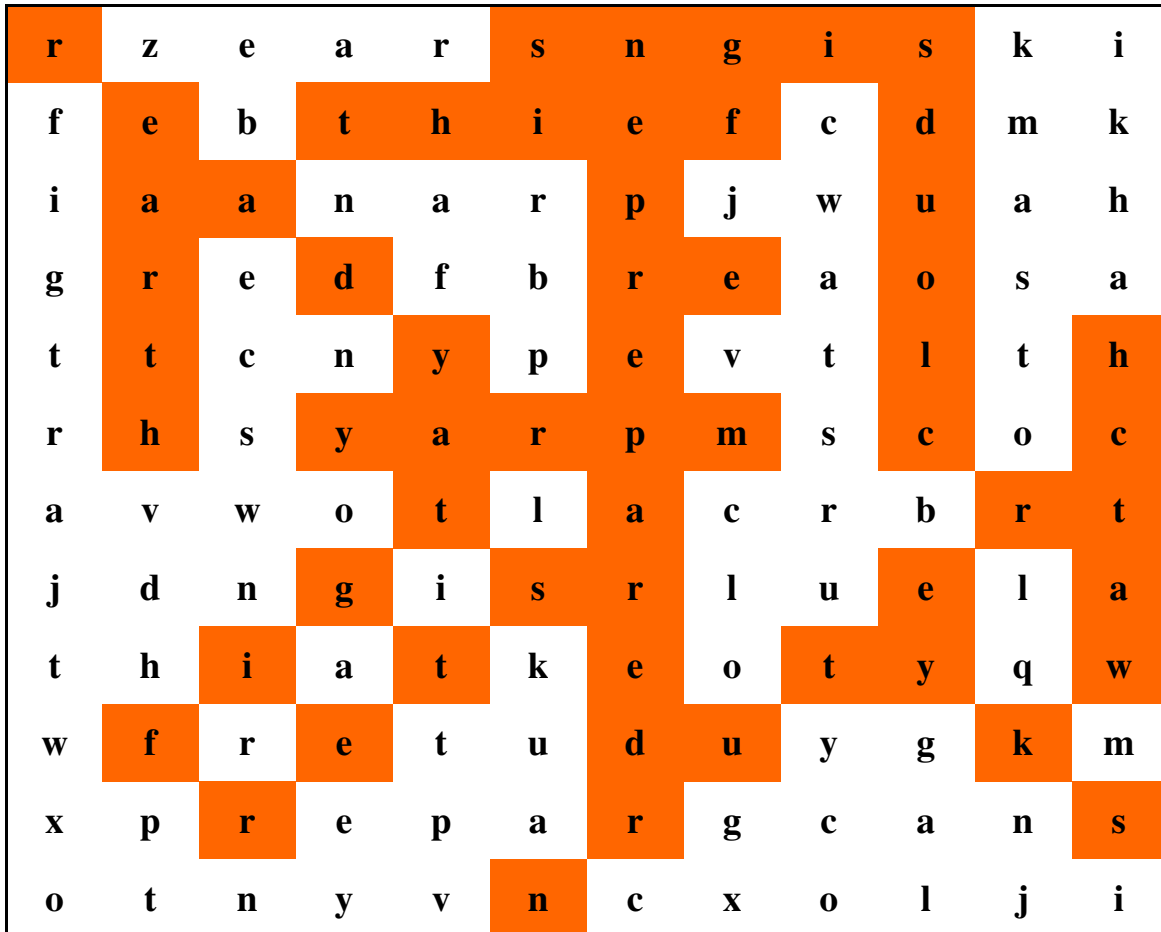
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Word Search



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ready	return	clouds
sky	earth	fig tree
signs	watch	pray
prepared	Master	thief

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PRAY