

# My Gratitude list



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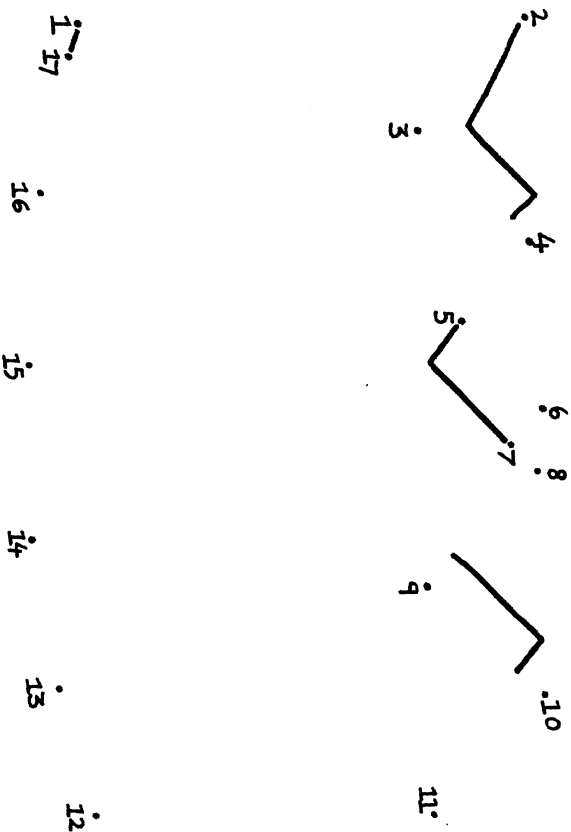
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**THINK and LOOK ahead**

Connect the dots to find a clue  
about next Sunday's special celebration



THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR, YEAR B

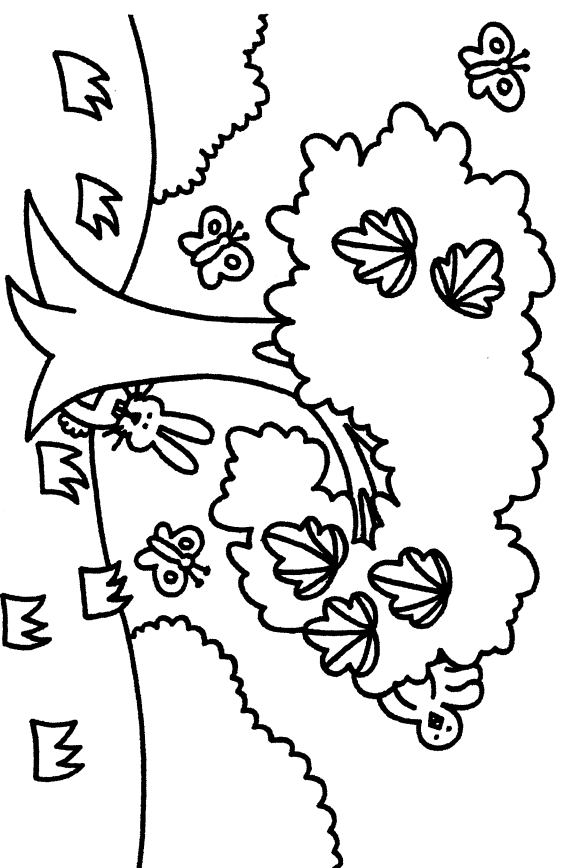
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# Jesus will return

MARK 13:24-32

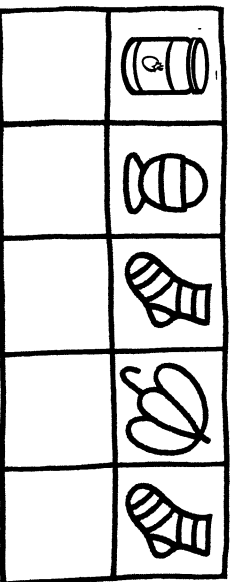
When leaves come out on the trees,  
you know that summer is near.

Can you cover this fig tree with leaves?

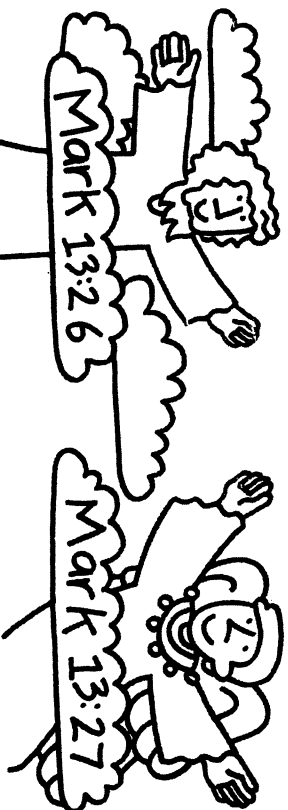
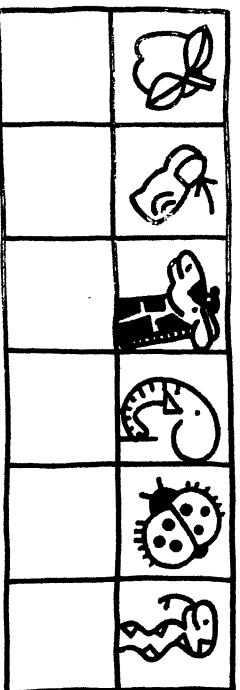


Who will greet us at the end of time?

Write the first letter of each picture to find the answers



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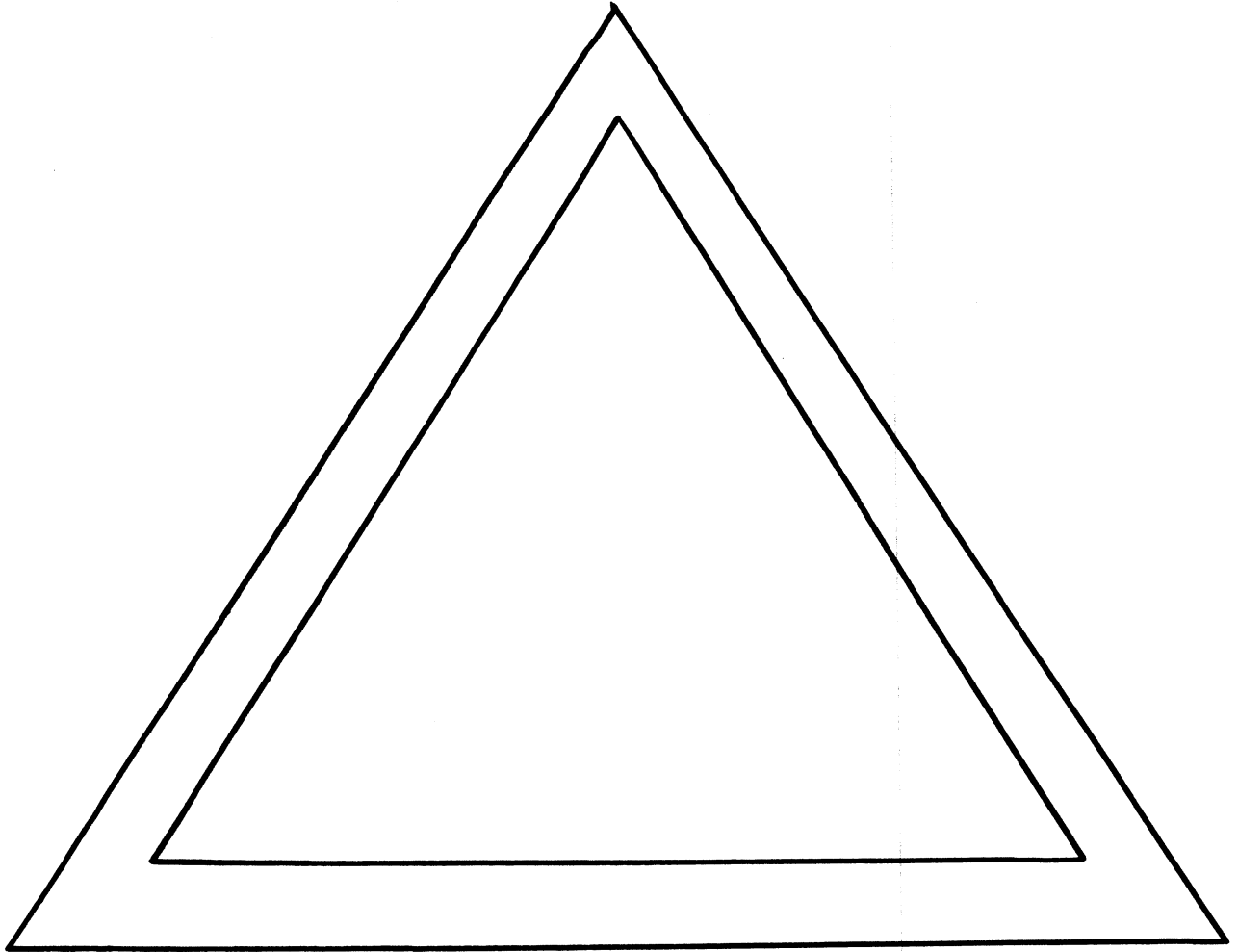
No one knows  
when that time will  
be except...

Color the letters with a triangle

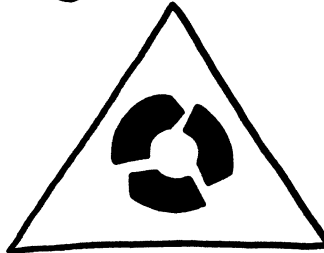
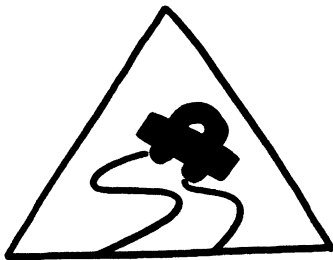
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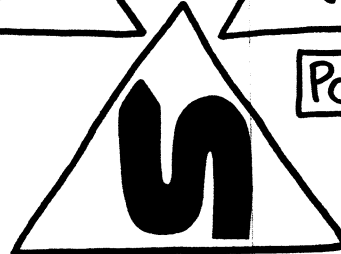
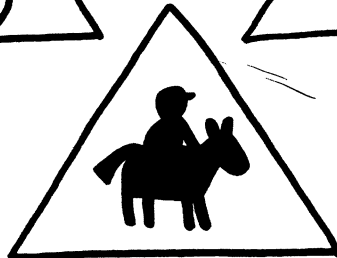
# Warning Sign Template and Sheet.



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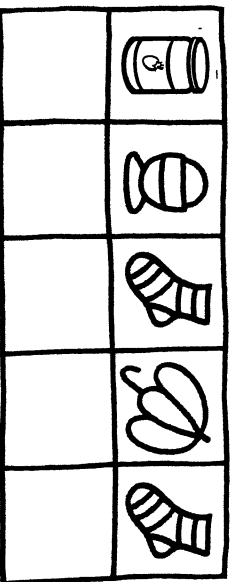


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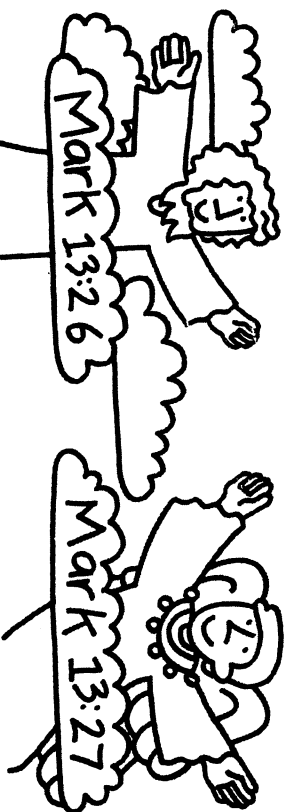
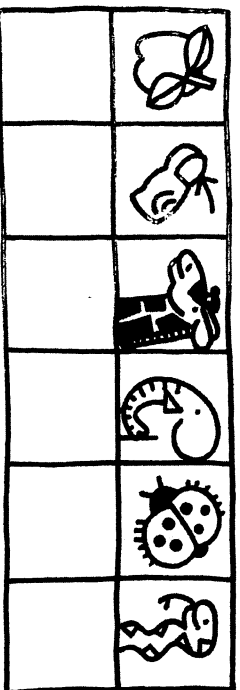


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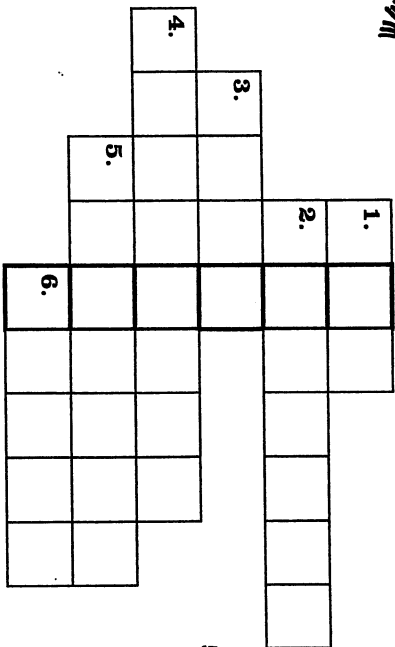
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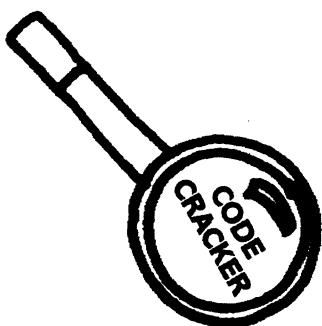
Jesus will welcome us  
to his kingdom.

Use the picture clues to find out  
who will be sent to gather God's chosen ones



We must try to be ready to greet  
Jesus whenever he returns.

Use the code cracker to find what Jesus says in Mark 13:32



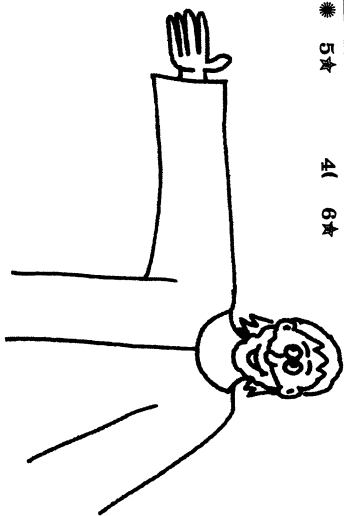
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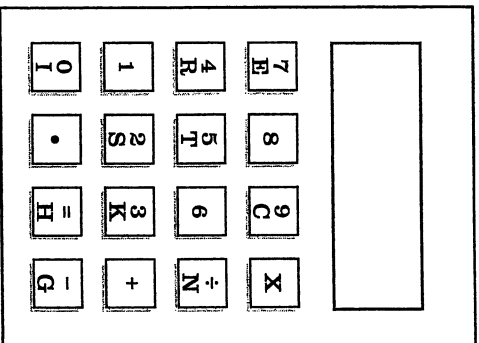
THINK and LOOK ahead

# Jesus will return

MARK 13:24-32

What do we celebrate next Sunday?

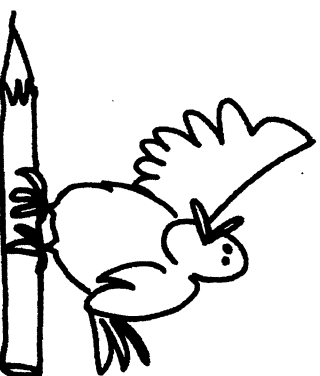
Use the calculator buttons to find the answer!



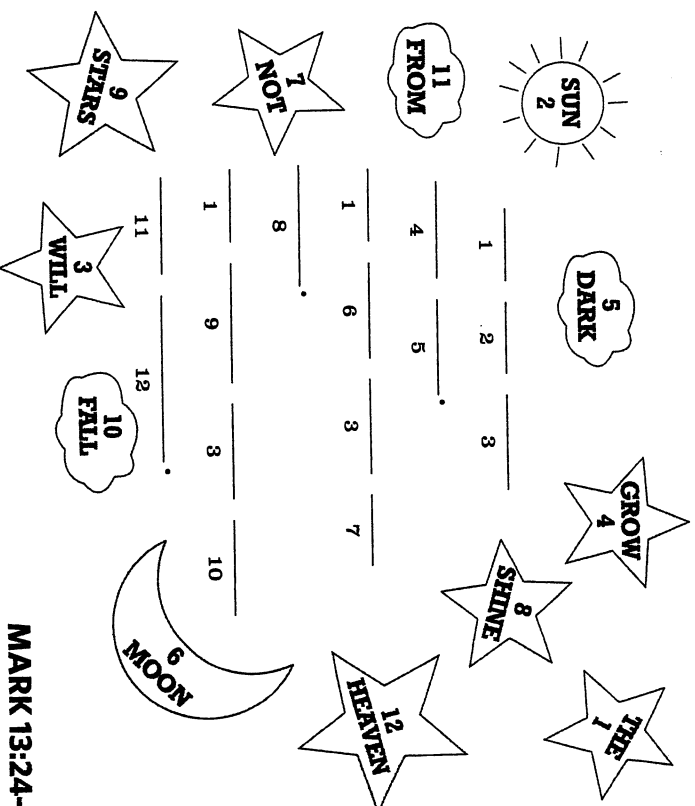
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Use the numbered pictures to see what prophecy Jesus made about the end of time



MARK 13:24-25

Use the picture code to read this poem

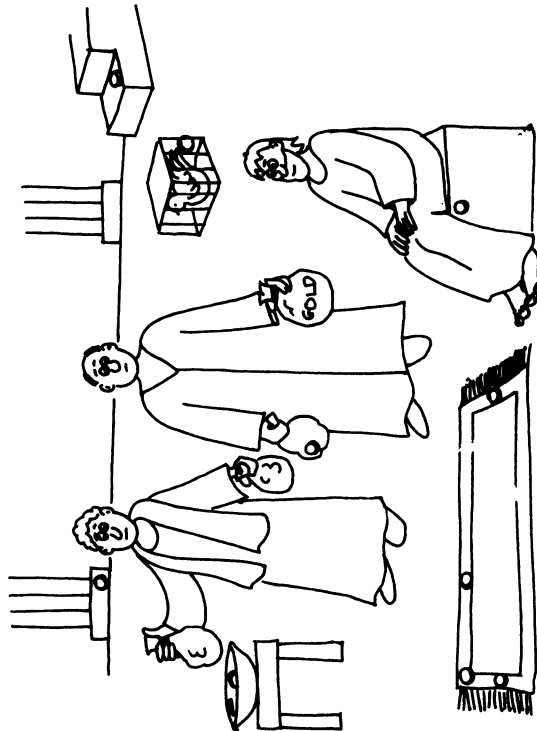
 = Temple  = Widow  = gold  
 = coins  = Jesus  = love

As  sat in the  one day,  
 A  woman came to pay  
 A  offering which was so small  
 It hardly seemed worth giving at all  
 Rich folk brought large bags of ,  
 Their offerings plain to behold  
 Just 2 small  the  brought  
 No admiration or thanks she sought  
 The  gave all she had  
 Her generous act made  glad  
 "She had no extra to give away  
 Such generous  will be repaid."

Mark 12:42-44

Jesus sat  
 in the Temple and watched  
 the people making  
 their offerings

There are ten coins hidden in this picture!  
 Find them and mark them with a cross





# Thirty-third Sunday of the Year

## Focus

A candle with some dried leaves arranged around it, and an open umbrella with droplets of water on it.

## Introduction

As people we need signs; we like to be prepared. We read the sky and tell what the weather might do, or watch the falling leaves to know that winter is coming. Signs help us to avoid disasters or surprises that might creep up on us and take us unawares. In today's Gospel we hear about signs that will warn us that Christ is about to return in glory.

## Gloria

## Gospel Acclamation

Light the Gospel candle and sing Acclamation 8.

## Gospel

A reading from the Gospel of St Mark (13:24-32)

Jesus said to his disciples, 'One day I will return, and you will know that the time has come because of these signs: the sun will grow dark, the moon will lose its brightness, stars will fall to earth and space itself will be shaken. Then the Son of Man will appear in all his glory, and send his angels to gather his people together from every corner of the world. Learn from the fig tree: when its buds appear it is a sign that summer is drawing closer. In the same way, by these signs you will know when the kingdom of God is near. Everything else will pass away, but my words are everlasting. No one except my heavenly Father knows the day or time when all this will happen.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Reflection

*Ask the children to look at today's focus. What do the dry leaves and the umbrella signify? What do they warn us of?*  
The fallen leaves are a sign that autumn has arrived and warn us that winter is coming. The wet umbrella is a sign that it is raining, and warns us that we might get wet!

### *When will Jesus return again?*

When the world comes to an end Jesus will return in glory together with angels from his heavenly kingdom. Only God the Father knows exactly when this will happen.

### *Will there be any warning that the time for this to happen has arrived?*

Jesus gave a vivid description of some incredible things that will happen before his return. Many believe that the vivid 'word pictures' he uses should not be taken too literally; they are simply symbols or signs to help us understand that when he returns it will be an unmistakable happening, which will be witnessed by the whole world.

*If we do not know exactly when this will happen, how can we be ready for Christ's return?*

Although people sometimes try to predict when the world will end, Jesus reminds us that God alone knows the date and time. Despite the signs beforehand, when the end comes it will be sudden, and it is our responsibility as Christians to be alert and prepared. We can do this by trying to make our lives pleasing to God each and every day of our lives, by the things we say and do. By keeping ourselves ready we will not be taken by surprise.

### *What will Jesus do when the world comes to an end?*

He will send his angels to gather God's people together and welcome his faithful followers into God's heavenly kingdom to share his eternal life and love.

## Activity

Copy the sheet of 'warning signs' for the children to identify and discuss. Give each child their own blank triangle, and help them to create and produce their own 'warning sign' for the end of time, by referring to the Gospel they have just heard.

## Intercessions

As brothers and sisters in one loving family, together let us pray to our heavenly Father:

For the family gathered here today  
and our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the homeless, the poor  
and those who are abandoned and unloved by society.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For people who spoil lives because of hatred and anger.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer from sickness, pain  
or any kind of disability.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Knowing that our heavenly Father is listening,  
in the silence of our hearts  
let us share our own unspoken prayers with him.

*Silence*

Loving Father,  
listen to our prayers  
and answer them according to your will.  
Keep us close to your love  
and ready to greet Christ when he returns in glory.  
We ask this through Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year

### Jesus will return

#### INTRODUCTION

At the end of time, Jesus will return in power and glory and will welcome all those who have been chosen to join him in the kingdom of heaven.

#### SIGN OF THE CROSS

#### LIGHT THE CANDLES

Light the candles and say Candle Prayer 3.

#### SORRY

One day Simon Peter asked Jesus, "Master, how many times must I forgive someone? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "Not just seven times, Peter, but seventy times seven! You must always forgive someone from your heart." (Matthew 18:21-22, 35)

Lord, help us to be ready to welcome you whenever you might come. Teach us to say "I'm sorry" and to forgive others as soon as a quarrel begins. We ask for your forgiveness as we pray: Our Father . . .

#### GLORIA

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

To welcome today's Gospel sing Acclamation 4.

#### GOSPEL (MARK 13:24-29, 32)

Jesus said to his disciples, "One day I will return, and you will know that the time has come because of these signs: the sun will grow dark, the moon will lose its brightness, stars will fall to earth, and even the sky will shake. Then the Son of God will appear in all his glory and send his angels to gather his people together from all over the world. Only my heavenly father knows when all this will happen, so stay awake and be ready."

#### DISCUSSION

Jesus said that he will return at the end of time. No one knows the date or time, except for God the Father, so we must always keep ourselves ready.

Can you think of a parable or story Jesus once told which explains how we must be prepared for his return at any time? (See the parable of the ten bridesmaids, 32nd Sunday of Year A.)

What must we do to be ready to welcome Jesus? If we try to live each day in the way Jesus showed us, then our lives will always be pleasing to God. God will judge us by the goodness and love we have shown to him and our neighbors each day of our lives.

What are the signs that will appear before the second coming of Christ?

- The sun will grow dark, filling the world with darkness.
- The moon will no longer shine.
- The stars will fall from the sky.
- The heavens or sky will be shaken, perhaps by thunder or lightning.

(Mark 13:24-25)

How should we greet Jesus when he comes?

Jesus will come to gather all the good people in the world and to welcome them into the kingdom of heaven. There, they will share everlasting life and happiness with God. The good will have nothing to fear, and they will join the angels as they rejoice at God's power and glory.

#### ACTIVITY

With the children's help, make a list of the signs which will appear before the second coming of Christ. With these in mind, ask each child to draw a picture of what they imagine might happen when Jesus returns in glory. Hand out copies of the illustration for the children to color and take home.

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#### CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, may our lives always be rich  
in love and goodness,  
so we are ready to welcome you  
whenever you return.