

A LIVING FAITH Lesson on ADVENT SUNDAY

Theme: Being Prepared for Christ's return - Advent

Object: Girl Scout and Boy Scout Emblems (to follow)

Scripture: **Matthew 24:42 (NRSV or NKJV)**

Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.



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Who can tell me what these pictures represent? (Hold up the Girl and Boy Scout emblems, next page.) That's right! They are the emblems for the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts.. Do we have any Girl or Boy Scouts here today?

The Girl and Boy scouts have a great motto. Does anyone know what their motto is? That's right - "Be Prepared!" This means that a good scout must always "Be prepared." That is also the subject for our Bible lesson today.

Today is the 7th Sunday of Lent, "Advent Sunday." We have only 2 more Sundays until Easter. There are many things that people do to get ready for Easter, aren't there? Let's see, what are some of the things that we do to prepare for Easter? We have to get out our Easter baskets and other decorations. We have to get our Easter clothes ready for church on Sunday. We have to dye Easter eggs and bake our delicious Easter bread, choreg. Can you think of any things that I have forgotten?

While we are getting ready for Easter, there is something else that we must be prepared for as well. Jesus promised that He would come again and the Bible tells us that we must be watching and be prepared for His return. We all know when Easter is coming, but when will Jesus come again? The Bible says that no one knows the hour of His return. Not even the angels who announced his birth know when He will come again.

If we don't know when He is coming, how can we be prepared? If we want to be prepared for Jesus' coming, we must always be busy doing the things that He told us to do. We must be loving God and loving one another.

It is fun and exciting to prepare for Christmas, but we must also be prepared for that day when Jesus comes again.

Dear Father, we love this season of the year. We love the preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Help us also remember that he is coming again and that you have told us to be prepared. Amen.

